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Fate of German hostage linked to Hamadi: abductors

BEIRUT, Jan 5. (Agencies): The pro-Iranian kidnappers of West German hostage Rudolf Cordes have warned the Bonn government his fate is linked to that of a Lebanese who stands trial in Dusseldorf today.

"They (the Bonn government) should be careful in what they do," said a typewritten statement in Arabic delivered to an international news agency in Beirut last night.

The statement purportedly came from the Freedom Strugglers, who kidnapped Cordes, 53, on Jan 17, 1987.

It referred to the trial of Abbas Hamadi which began in Dusseldorf today. He is accused of taking part in Cordes's kidnapping.

"(Bonn) must study carefully what is happening these days and learn from that. They must know that everything has a price. They should take into consideration the fact that things won't remain as they are," the statement said.

It was accompanied by a black-and-white photograph of an exhausted-looking Cordes, Lebanon manager of the Frankfurt-based chemicals company Hoechst.

It said Bonn would bear all responsibility for Cordes's fate and warned the Freedom Strugglers had reached a limit from which it could not retreat.

"regardless of pressures, mediations and interests."

Abbas Hamadi, 29, arrested at Frankfurt airport on Jan 26, 1987, is accused of helping to kidnap Cordes and Alfred Schmidt in Beirut in retaliation for the arrest in Bonn shortly before of his brother Mohammad Ali Hamadi.

Mohammad Ali faces charges of hijacking a Trans World Airlines jet to Beirut in 1985 and killing one of its passengers, US Navy diver Robert Stethem.

Abbas faces up to 15 years in jail if convicted of abducting Schmidt and Cordes. Schmidt, also a West German, was released in September 1987.

No trading

Bonn has already publicly ruled out trading the Hamadi brothers for Cordes.

The Freedom Strugglers statement accused German authorities of mistreating Mohammad Ali, saying "This detainee has rights that are agreed upon in all international conventions and in Germany, but the German officials seem to be the descendants of the Nazis..."

The group said it had received a letter from Mohammad Ali and demanded that the Bonn government "immediately stop oppressing him."

It also warned of further

action, saying: "They should know that the hostages card is not the only or the last one. There are many other cards..."

Cordes is among 24 foreigners missing and believed kidnapped by pro-Iranian militants in Lebanon.

Appeal

In a surprise move, Abbas Hamadi started the trial in Dusseldorf with an appeal for the freedom of the remaining hostage, Cordes.

"While the defence rejects any direct or indirect participation of (Abbas) Hamadi in the abduction of Cordes, the defence calls on the kidnappers to set him free immediately," defence attorney Eckhard Hild told the crowded courtroom.

Asked by one of the judges whether it was his statement, Hamadi later responded in German: "I authorised him (Hild) to read that statement."

Court officials, later confirmed that the statement was Abbas Hamadi's.

He was arrested at Frankfurt airport on Jan 26, 1987, after returning to West Germany from Beirut. He is charged with trying to blackmail the West German government, hostage-taking and baving illegal explosives.

The trial is expected to end in March. Hamadi faces a minimum of three years in prison if convicted.

Arabic interpreter was standing by if he needed any help.

More than two dozen police officers will guard the heavily fortified courtroom, witnesses are expected to include the defendant's brother, Mohammad Ali Hamadi.

The trial will explore Middle East terrorism and may provide firsthand views of the TWA hijacking.

"There will be about 12 police officers inside the court, and about 15 outside," Duesseldorf court spokesman Klaus Forsten said.

The trial is being conducted in a former police barracks gymnasium that was converted into a courtroom for leftist terrorists in the 1970s.

Abbas Ali Hamadi is being held in Duesseldorf's prison for the duration of the trial and will be brought back and forth from the courtroom in an armored police van, Forsten said.

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He was flanked by two security agents, as he entered the heavily guarded courtroom.

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● A doctor from the French humanitarian group 'Doctors without Border' measures the pulse of an Iranian woman who started a hunger strike 28 days ago. Forty Iranians are observing a hunger strike outside the offices of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, to demand that France bring back 15 expelled dissidents deported to Gabon in early December. (Reuter wirephoto)

Newly-wed Chinese taste bitterness of debt

BEIJING, Jan 5. (Reuters): Chinese families spend as much as 10 years wages on weddings and young couples often taste the bitterness of debt rather than the sweetness of love, the People's Daily said today.

The Wuhan People's Broadcasting Radio network received a letter from a distraught mother whose son had forced her to finance a big wedding, the newspaper reported.

After the son succeeded in getting the money, he proceeded to carry off his mother's refrigerator, the letter said.

"I was so upset I went to court to sue my son," she wrote.

Last month, China Youth News said couples in southern Hunan province each spent up to three years income on weddings. The publication urged Chinese to instead celebrate wedding by planting trees and having picnics.

In Wuhan, a large industrial city in central China, weddings cost an average of \$2,250 — the equivalent of 10 years wages, the People's Daily said.

The average Chinese urban worker in 1986 earned \$225 a year, while rural workers made about half that.

Prerequisites

Wuhan radio listeners wrote to the station complaining that the average Chinese bride and groom expect to start life with four prerequisites: A two-door refrigerator, a cassette recorder, a two-basin washing machine and a colour television.

One listener wrote of a young man who spent his life's savings on wedding expenses and yet his bride-to-be threatened to call off the wedding if he didn't buy a spare cassette recorder.

"Without it I'll be looked down upon by my sisters," the woman was reported as saying.

Thatcher opposes S. African sanctions

NAIROBI, Jan 5. (Reuters): British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher opened her tour of two key black African states with a fierce denunciation of economic sanctions against South Africa.

In a London interview released to journalists as she flew to Nairobi for talks with Kenyan leader Daniel Arap Moi, Thatcher said the sort of people who advocated sanctions sat in luxurious hotels saying: "We believe we have a right to decide how many people shall starve in South Africa."

"I find that utterly repugnant," said Thatcher who is due to hold a round of official talks with Moi.

Thatcher said mandatory sanctions were unenforceable because of South Africa's coastline and would damage the country's industry which was "actually being instrumental in bringing apartheid to an end."

Thatcher, who will also visit Nigeria, has repeatedly opposed trade sanctions despite international and Commonwealth pressure to impose them on

Pretoria as a way of ending South Africa's system of apartheid.

Political analysts said her statement at the start of her five-day African tour was likely to embarrass her Kenyan hosts who have been trying along with British diplomats to play down the two countries' differences over South Africa.

They said her words were certain to cause controversy in Nigeria where trade unions said on Monday they would hold peaceful demonstrations against Thatcher's stance.

Moi and most of his government met Mrs Thatcher at the start of a tour to familiarise herself with a continent she has visited only twice during eight years in office.

The British Prime Minister inspected a military guard of honour and watched dancers in native costumes, singers and drummers waving British flags.

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Thousands of children tortured and killed: Amnesty

LONDON, Jan 5. (Reuters): Thousands of children, some only infants, are being imprisoned, tortured and killed by governments worldwide, Amnesty International said today.

"Innocence and vulnerability are no protection against abuses of power by the state. The most fundamental rights of thousands upon thousands of children are violated in countries all around the world," the London-based human rights organisation said in its monthly newsletter.

Tortured

The group, which cited 18 countries in its report, called on its members worldwide to halt political violence against children and to press the United Nations to adopt a convention on the rights of the child.

Some children are tortured to extract information or to force their parents to speak, Amnesty said.

Eight-year-old Alberto Alarcón from Ecuador was attacked by soldiers who burst into his home last May, threw him over barbed wire and beat and nearly drowned him by holding his head underwater over a stolen rifle.

The report said Turkish police last year tortured four young boys from southeastern Turkey, where Kurdish separatist rebels are active, with electric shocks in their mouths.

In Surinam, a three-year-old baby boy was shot dead in his mother's arms in 1986 by soldiers who apparently wanted to frighten villagers into giving information.

Thousands of other children have been jailed, many without trial.

A recent international conference in Harare, organised by British anti-apartheid campaigner Archbishop Trevor Huddleston to discuss child detentions in South Africa, estimated that from 1984 to 1986, 11,000 children, some as young as seven, had been detained and most were assaulted while behind bars. More than 1,000 children were wounded and 312 killed by police fire.

...Children were beaten with fists, rifle butts or whips and incidents of attempted strangulation and electric shock torture were reported. Many came out of detention with profound physical and psychological scars, Amnesty said.

In the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, children as young as 12 years have been arrested and many said they were punched, kicked and beaten by members of the Israeli defence force.

Other children simply disappear.

Amnesty said more than 100 Argentine children are still missing in the wake of the "dirty war" against suspected subversives in the late 1970s.

Some were abducted with their parents. Others were born in secret detention centres and forcibly separated from their parents, sometimes to be adopted by families connected with the police or military services.

Since 1977, 41 of the children have been traced by humanitarian groups but many others are feared to have suffered violent deaths.

Scores of other children have vanished in Sri Lanka, Afghanistan and Peru, Amnesty said.

Other children have lived their whole lives behind bars. Noor Jahan was just one year old when she was jailed in Burma with her mother who was suspected of being an illegal immigrant. Noor is 31 today, is still in jail and has never been charged.

In the United States, children have been sentenced to death and executed for crimes committed when they were as young as 15, despite international human rights standards which prohibit capital punishment for people under 18.

India gets Soviet nuclear sub

NEW DELHI, Jan 5. (Reuters): The Soviet Union handed over a nuclear-powered submarine to India yesterday in a lease agreement that could affect the maritime balance of power in south Asia, the official All India Radio said.

The radio said the submarine was turned over to T. N. Kaul, Indian Ambassador to Moscow, at the Soviet Far Eastern port of Vladivostok. The vessel was expected to sail for India within the next few days, the radio said.

India thus became only the second Asian nation after China with nuclear powered warships in its fleet. The new submarine and other recent acquisitions would allow India to project its naval influence far into the strategic Indian Ocean.

Unrest keeps Sri Lankan children out of schools

COLOMBO, Jan 5. (AP): Guerrilla warfare is keeping more than a half-million children out of school in Sri Lanka, which has one of the highest literacy rates in the developing world, a senior education official said today.

The government official blamed the high rate of anestism on the 4-year-old Tamil insurgency that has claimed more than 8,000 lives.

He said 509,240 — nearly 13 per cent — of the country's 4 million school children failed to show up for classes Monday when schools reopened after winter holidays.

The area most severely affected was the Jaffna peninsula, stronghold of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, the largest Tamil guerrilla group. Indian peacekeeping forces launched an offensive in the peninsula on Oct 10 in an effort to force the Tigers to surrender their arms.

The education official said 193,866 children were absent from schools in the Jaffna peninsula, part of Sri Lanka's northern province. Most of the other school absences were in western province. Both areas, especially eastern province, have been the scenes of guerrilla attacks and clashes between guerrillas and Indian soldiers.

"We also have to contend with an unemployed teacher work force of 14,274 who have to be paid their salaries," he said. He said at least 70 teachers were living in refugee camps.

He said he had received no reports of any schools opening this week in Jaffna town and the five other largest towns in northern, eastern and western provinces.

France protests sentencing in Kabul

Jailed Frenchman can appeal

MOSCOW, Jan 5. (Reuters): A French journalist sentenced by an Afghan court to 10 years in jail for spying can appeal for pardon to Afghan President Najibullah, the official Soviet news agency Tass said today.

The verdict against Alain Guillo, a 45-year-old freelance reporter and cameraman for the French photo agency Sygma, was announced in Kabul on Monday, sparking an immediate protest from France.

Tass said Guillo had been tried in a closed court because witnesses disclosed secret military, political and economic data.

It said the journalist had been provided with a lawyer and an interpreter six days before the start of the proceedings.

France, which demanded that Soviet authorities use their influence to obtain Guillo's release, expressed surprise at the

conditions of his trial. A French lawyer who had planned to represent him in court was not allowed to go to Kabul.

Appeal

The Communist Party newspaper Pravda said Guillo had been handed less than the maximum sentence after an appeal from his Afghan defence lawyer on humanitarian grounds.

It said a conviction on espionage charges in Afghanistan was punishable by 16-20 years in prison or execution.

Guillo, who was taken prisoner in Afghanistan's north-east Faryab province on Sept 12, was found guilty of entering the country illegally from Pakistan, cooperation with anti-government forces and espionage for Western powers.

"The ruling is final," Tass said. "It was explained to Guillo

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Re-election

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But they are likely to ignore mounting calls to step down after their pre-poll split handed victory to government candidate Roh Tae-Woo, the officials said.

Elections to the National Assembly are due sometime between February and April. Critics of the Kims' rivalry say a united

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Civil Defence festival opens today

A CIVIL Defence festival will open today at the Shaali Sea Club and will continue until Jan 9.

The main purpose is to enlighten the public about the importance of civil defence, and this will be done through lectures, seminars and exhibitions.

A temporary office for volunteers to the civil defence will be opened at the site, the director of Civil Defence, Lieut. Colonel Mutlaq Munawar, announced at a press conference yesterday.

Entrance to the club will be free during the festival.

The festival has been organised by the Civil Defence Department, the Health Ministry and the Fire Brigade Department.

Seminars

Another nine-day festival at the Al Shabab Gardens will begin tomorrow.

The ministries of Defence, Interior and Information will participate in the festival, and the Defence Ministry will display weapons.

The military band will be in attendance daily and plays will be performed every evening.

Meanwhile a local newspaper reported that registration offices for civil defence witnessed an excellent response from women of all ages.

It said that public service societies organised several lectures and seminars to enlighten residents about civil defence and its practical applications.

First Aid

The girls branch of the Science Club, for instance, organised a training programme on first aid before civil defence was even mentioned. The club's administrative staff visited the Fire Brigade Department to learn about types of fires and how to extinguish them.

The director, Muna Al Emairi, said that participation of women in civil defence will benefit society and families.

She said that men were able to defend the country externally, and women should similarly

defend it internally.

Although a large number of women registered at civil defence centres, yet many women were afraid and this stopped them from enrolling in programmes suitable for their abilities and interests.

Muna Al Emairi believed that Kuwaiti women did not have the strength to handle weapons, but this did not mean they refused to carry weapons. They should accept the sight of blood at least. Many women could not bear to see the effects of battles, making it impossible for them to offer to carry weapons.

Taught

On the other hand, a woman's role was highly effective among family members and in keeping up their morale.

Muna proposed that women should be taught first aid and fire fighting to enable them to help protect the safety and security of the country. She said that most residents had a false understanding of civil defence principles,

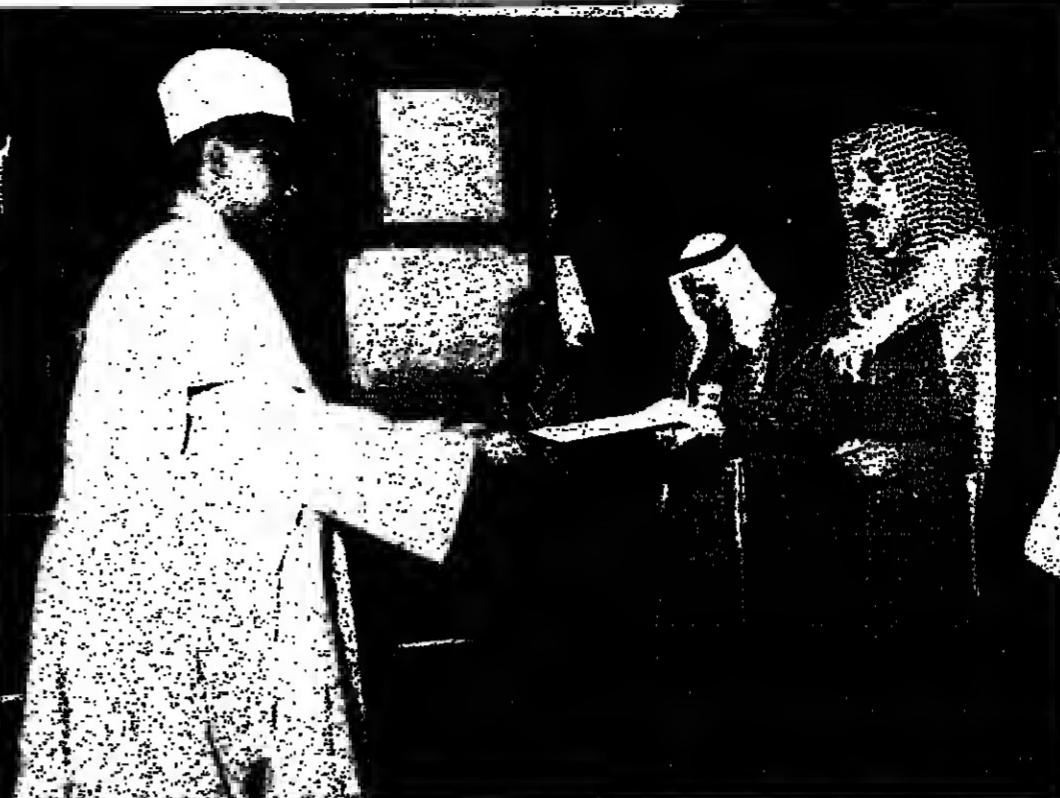
Films

Many accidents could also happen around the house and during day to day activities and individuals must be trained to cope with such situations.

She said that in some Western countries applicants for jobs were not employed unless they showed a certificate in first aid.

She said the club will organise a civil defence training programme this spring. Members will be introduced to civil defence possibilities through films. This was more effective than lectures and seminars.

She called on the Education Ministry to introduce first aid in the syllabus of schools.



• The Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed, receives a copy of the credentials of Nigar's Ambassador to Kuwait, Adam Zadeh.

New Egyptian envoy coming tomorrow

By Saeed Othman

THE new Egyptian Ambassador-designate to Kuwait Saeed Rifa'i will arrive here tomorrow to succeed the previous envoy Mohammad Salah Hindawi who died of a heart attack last Sunday.

The Arab Times learnt that the new ambassador will deliver a copy of his credentials to the Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed on Saturday, Jan 9. He is likely to present his credentials to HH the Amir at a special ceremony to be held at the Self Palace the next day.

Rifa'i has served in various capacities at the Egyptian Foreign Ministry as well as in his country's diplomatic mission in London. He was the director of information at the Foreign Ministry in Cairo before being posted to Kuwait.

Kuna man in Sudan dies

KUWAIT News Agency (Kuna) mourned the sad demise yesterday of its correspondent in Khartoum, Sudan, Saad Ahmed Al Sheikh who passed away after a short illness at the age of 59.

The deceased, a career journalist, joined Kuna in 1980 as he helped establish the Kuna English news desk. Two years ago, he took up the post of Kuna correspondent in Sudan.

Contract signed

KUWAIT'S Public Works Minister, Abdul Rahman Al Houti yesterday signed a three-million Kuwaiti dinar contract with a local firm for the maintenance and beautification of sidewalks and pedestrian paths in Kuwait.

The 735-day contract involves among other things gardening works and the construction of special walkways for the handicapped.

Red Crescent Society activities highlighted

LONDON, Jan 5. (Kuna): Assistant Secretary General of the Kuwaiti Red Crescent Society Abdal Karim Ja'far today highlighted the society's activities and its contributions to easing the impact of the drought in Sudan and the floods in Bangladesh.

He pointed out that the Kuwaiti Red Crescent Society lends similar services to Pakistan, as it cares for Afghan refugees through four hospitals and some private clinics.

On the local front, Ja'far said that the society accompanies haj missions to furnish medical services for pilgrims and holds first aid courses for those who wish.

The Red Crescent official described cooperation between the society and its Gulf counterparts as "firm", particularly during the haj season.

Development strategy

KUWAIT'S Minister of Planning, Mohammed Soleiman Sayed Ali said that the ministry had prepared a strategy for the coming years in which the country's development, economic and manpower needs are considered along with national trends.

The minister said that a draft budget had also been prepared for ministry and government establishment construction projects in accordance with the present Five Year Plan and public spending policies.

He added that the ministry's National Computer and

Indian envoy visits Osaimi

INDIA'S Ambassador to Kuwait, N.N. Jha, yesterday visited Kuwait's State Minister for Foreign Affairs, Saoud Al Osaimi, to deliver a letter from the President of India to HH the Amir.

During the meeting they discussed developments in the Gulf.

Greek envoy

KUWAIT'S Communications Minister, Khaled Al Jumeian yesterday received the Greek and Bolivian Ambassadors.

In the separate meetings, the Kuwaiti minister discussed areas of telecommunication cooperation between Kuwait and both Greece and Bolivia.



Carlucci addressing the press conference. (Picture by Mark Williams).

Carlucci lukewarm about UN naval ...

(Continued from Page 1)

cooperation with Tel Aviv has no impact whatsoever with US relations with Arab countries."

He said the United States has devoted considerable efforts to bring about peace between Israel and the Arab countries, adding "the Arabs and Israel have to learn to live together peacefully."

Carlucci flatly denied that a meeting recently took place between senior US and Iranian officials to seek release of American hostages in Lebanon.

The US Defence Secretary arrived in Kuwait on Monday night on a Gulf tour that would also take him to Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and Oman. But a US embassy spokesman in Muscat said the visit to Oman has been cancelled due to tight schedules.

Pensioners can work in private sector

THE director general of Kuwait's Public Institution for Social Security, Fahd Al Rajan, said the board of directors have recently passed the resolution allowing the pensioners to receive pension and work in the private sector.

He added that the decision applied to those who spent at least 20 years in government services, irrespective of the retirement age. Those who worked 15 years in the government and were over 50 years of age would also benefit.

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EVENTS

WHAT'S ON

SOCIAL

Sargam Music Show
Sargam, a local group, will hold a music show at Messilah Beach Hotel at 6.30 pm on Feb 3. A selection of popular Urdu, Hindi, Punjabi and English songs will be presented. Entertainment also includes fire dance, lava dance and a magic show. For details phone 3260455, 7 am to 3 pm.

Piano Concert
German pianist Wolfram Lorenzen will give a recital on Jan 19 (8 pm) in the Grand Ballroom of the Kuwait Hilton. He will play works by Ravel, Schumann, Liszt and Chopin. For further details contact the hotel.

Daniella
All Danes are invited to a second-hand sale from 10 am on Jan 10. For further details or if Danes want to join, call Marianne on 3948953 before Jan 9.

KLT
Kuwait Little Theatre, Ahmadi, are looking for pianists for a summer musical coming up in March. For further details call 3985246.

Kapitale Elections
The Kapisanang Pilipino Sa Kuwait (Kapilkuk) will hold the annual general meeting on Friday, Jan 8, at 2.30 pm, at the Philippines Embassy. During the meeting the constitution will be presented for ratification and new officers will be elected. All Filipino residents are requested to attend. Tel: 5634200 or Gil - 242301.

Kuwait Cultural Centre
Dancers classes will be held shortly. For further details phone 2428362.

HOTELS

At the Ramada Al Salam
All-day dining at El Bendar Coffee Shop. Grilled specialties featured at the Grill Garden. Snacks and cocktails offered at the Lobby Lounge with live entertainment. Every Thursday night Le Mirage features barbecue with live music.

At the Continental

Gardenia offers food and beverage service on the Terrace. Daily dinner buffet and on Fridays, lunch buffet with charcoal grilled specialties. Darbar features daily lunch buffet and à la carte for dinner.

At the Sheraton
Dine in the Hunt Room with live music by the gypsy band. For lunch, Hunt Room offers a la carte, Italian cuisine featured for dinner in the Riccardo Restaurant.

At the Holiday Inn

Businessman's lunch buffet featuring three main course dishes, salads and sweets buffet; tea/coffee; offered daily at Al Dama Restaurant.

At the Hilton

La Palma features Oriental, Continental and International cuisines as well as a large array of sweets and desserts for lunch and dinner buffet. Fajlaka on the 19th floor features a specialty menu for lunch and dinner.

At the Meridien

Versailles is open for lunch and dinner, featuring a selection of Continental cuisine, meats and seafood, charcoal grilled to perfection. Business lunch with three choices daily also featured. Live entertainment in the evenings.

At The Messilah Beach

Al Mubarakiya features special lunch and dinner buffets. Open 24 hours.

SPORTS

Kuwait Nomads Rugby Club

This week's match will kick off at Fintas ground on Thursday, 3.30 pm. All players must report by 3.15 pm.

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait Dubai Pharmacy
Mohammad Ali Rida Bldg., Algiers St. Souk Waqif

Al Sharq Al Jeddah Pharmacy
Opp. Science Museum, Safat Square

Hawalli and Negrar

Al Hawalli Pharmacy
Touis St.

Salmiya and Rumailiya

Al Maaidha Pharmacy

Off Haroun Al Rasheed St.

Fahsheel and Ahmad

Al Ahmad Pharmacy

Souk Ahmad

Jeeb Al Shiyookh

Hassawi Pharmacy

Block 2, Main St.

Jahra

Al Khalid Pharmacy

Opp. Cooperative Society

PRAYERS

Fajr

5.19 am

Zehr

11.53

Asr

2.45 pm

Maghreb

5.04

Isha

6.25

VIDEO CORNER

European view of American pioneers

By Brian Hollis

THE recent years of Reaganism and 'God Bless America' have brought an updating of the old pioneer and frontier themes which were the staple of American movies until twenty years ago. Instead of Rio Bravo and High Noon, we now have Kane and Abel, or Richard Burton and Fay Dunaway stepping off the cattle boat at Ellis Island. The old virtues of moral courage backed up by a six gun, and frugal but honest life on the prairie, have been replaced with the "get rich quick in the land of free enterprise," and become a top politician and get chased by beautiful fashion models. Good Morning Babylon is a European version of this period at the turn of the century when opportunity abounded in the New World. Two Italian brothers, sculptors and stonemasons by trade, emigrate to America where their father's business falls on hard times. They leave with their father's warning that they should always be equal and help one another.

After shifting from menial job to even more menial job as waiters, pig herders and night watchmen, they finally get a small job helping to construct the Italian stand at the San Francisco fair, and move on to Hollywood where they become affluent set designers. Both marry at the same time, but after one wife successfully delivers a son, the other dies in childbirth. Their partnership broken, one brother leaves to fight in the First World War which was broken out, but soon both are again side by side at the front.

Vincente Spano and Joaquim Almeida play the brothers and Greta Sacchi is one of the very attractive wives. As can be expected the European attitude towards America is much more downbeat and cynical, but this allows for much sharper wit, and a better insight into the realities of this period.

Another less realistic, but more action oriented film is Courage starring Sophia Loren and Billy Dee Williams. Again based on a true story it concerns



Frances Reid and Robert Young star in Mercy and Murder. Above: scenes from the film.

directly with social problems of modern society. Mercy or Murder is the story of a couple who have been married for 31 years, and seem totally content in each other's company enjoying the fruits of decades of hard work and dedication. They live in happy retirement in Spain until one day the woman shows alarming signs of infirmity. From highly organised and competent, she becomes forgetful and dithering. A visit to a specialist back in Florida confirms that Mrs Gilbert is suffering from Alzheimer's disease, a form of senile dementia which wipes out memory and means that the patient regresses to childhood. When she loses control of her bodily functions, Mr. Gilbert sees the only way out is for him to kill her, and as a result he is tried and convicted of first degree murder. Based on a true story, the film raises some fascinating moral points and is quite worthy of attention.

The Room Upstairs is a straight lesson in sociology starring Stockard Channing, Sam Waterston and Linda Hunt. Channing is a remedial teacher whose task is to encourage severely messed up kids into a little reading and writing. Sometimes she succeeds — as in the case of a painfully shy black kid — and sometimes she fails — as in the case of a nasty poor little rich girl who tries to murder her and almost destroys her faith in human nature. Channing also owns a rambling house which she lets out to various lodgers at very cheap rents. Although she deliberately leaves them to get on with their own lives, there is inevitable contact, especially with impoverished cellist Sam Waterston, and in her hour of need, when she thinks that she is alone in the world, she discovers that there are friends around to help her. A high grade east makes it an above average weepie.

Comedies are a bit short this week, although The Peanut Butter Solution and Crazy Legs should appeal to the more juvenile audience. In the latter film, the plot is totally irrelevant but the gags come

thick and fast once you can swallow the basic premise that our hero Mark Neely, thanks to a fall as a kid, suffers from uncontrollable muscle spasms in his inner legs (Crazy Legs). If he allows himself to get upset, his legs take him for a merry dance, and when an exchange student from Russia sends his dog to the vivisection labs he gets very wobbly and learns to hate everything Russian. Enter a beautiful woman athlete who can only compete with men and Clarence Gilyard, a black kid with no sense of rhythm, and you have one of the funniest athletic meets for a long time.

New children's features include The Adventures of Professor Pipnaggle, a new adventure of the Mighty Orbots and Little Tweety and Little Inkie.

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Oldies worth seeing include Thousands Cheer, an all-star variety show with Gene Kelly among others. The Birdman of Alcatraz, starring Burt Lancaster, is the true story of an imprisoned murderer who became a world respected ornithologist; and Tom Jones is the wildly successful adaptation of Henry Fielding's novel about Merrie England, starring Albert Finney in his prime.

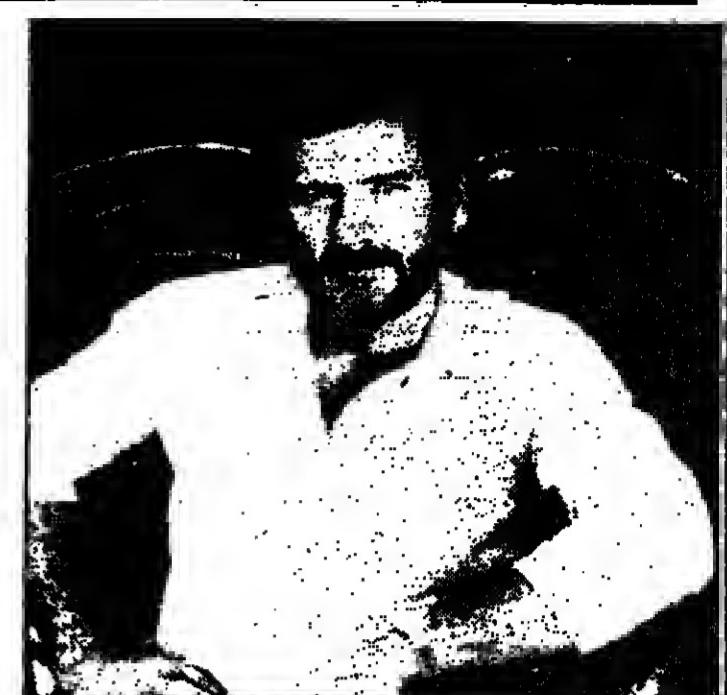
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All entries for the What's On Column can be telexed to Events Section, or hand delivered daily, except Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Pinned entries will not be accepted.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 2.15 Holy Quran
- 2.30 World News via Satellite
- 3.30 Hakim Al Aqaz: cartoons
- 4.00 News Summary
- 4.05 World News via Satellite
- 4.25 La Ilaha Illallah: historical serial, featuring Yusuf Shaha, Raghda, Hala Fakher
- 5.15 Bain Al Ams Wa Al Youm: Between Yesterday and Today. A programme for children.
- 6.00 Songs
- 7.00 News Summary
- 7.05 Lauhat Shabiya: Folklore
- 8.15 Good Evening and Local news



Robert Foxworth in Falcon Crest.

KTV 2

- 4.30 Holy Quran
- 4.35 Cartoons
- 5.00 Football: Afro-Asian Cup: Egypt vs S. Korea. Live broadcast from Hamad Bin Khalifa Stadium
- 6.55 The Living Isles: "After the ice." A look at Scottish islands.
- 7.30 Growing Pains: "Long Day's Journey." Mike gets a new girlfriend.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.40 Buck James: Dennis Weaver plays a cowboy-doctor who divides his time between curing for

patients and looking after his farm.

9.30 The World of Strange Power: "Warnings From the Future." A look at inexplicable occurrences.

10.00 Perfect Strangers: "Life Covers." A young Greek arrives in the US — and looks for a job.

10.30 Falcon Crest: Richard Channing joins forces with Stavros to foil Angela's plot.

12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Close-down

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

English

MORNING

- 08.00-08.30 Easy Listening
- 08.30-08.40 News
- 08.40-10.00 Easy Listening
- 10.00-13.00 Songs and Music
- 13.00-13.40 News
- 13.40-14.00 Easy Listening
- 14.00-16.00 Classical Music
- 16.00-17.00 Easy Listening
- 17.00-18.00 French Hour
- 18.00-19.00 Pop
- 19.00-20.00 Be Our Guest
- 20.00-21.30 Pop
- 21.30-21.45 News
- 21.45-22.00 Pop
- 22.00-23.00 Famous Classical Works
- 23.00-24.00 Easy Listening
- 24.00-02.00 Instrumental Listening

EVENING

- 21.00 Opening
- 21.02 Pop Scene
- 21.30 News
- 21.45 Point of View
- 21.55 Songs and Music
- 22.00 Musical Celebrities
- 22.45 Daily Programme
- 23.00 Soul with a Beat
- 23.30 Choice of the Week
- 24.00 Closedown

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FM Services

- 0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
- 30 Report on Religion
- 45 Country Style
- 0200 World News
- 09 Commentary
- 15 The A-Z of Hollywood (ex 27th Chair Reaction)
- 30 Citizens
- 0300 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 The World Today
- 30 Discovery
- 0400 Newsdesk
- 30 Being Human
- 40 Book Choice
- 45 Reflections
- 50 Financial News
- 0500 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
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● A top Arab historian Dr Ahmed Abu Hakim was recently in Kuwait at the invitation of the Ministry of Information. Dr Hakim is a professor of Arabian Gulf History at the McGill University in Canada. He is currently writing a book on the history of Kuwait and Gulf. Picture shows Dr Hakim (centre) with Meridian Hotel's General Manager Andreas Mat-muller and Public Relations Manager Yousef Al Ghabra.

CINEMA TODAY

- Al Andalus Police Story
Starring: Jackie Chan, Brigitte Lin, Jara Al Wuhoush (Arabic).
- Starring: Noor Al Sharif, Mahmoud Abdul Aziz, Noora Al Hamra, Wa Yaqub Al Hub (Arabic).
- Starring: Farid Shawki, Suhaier Ramzi

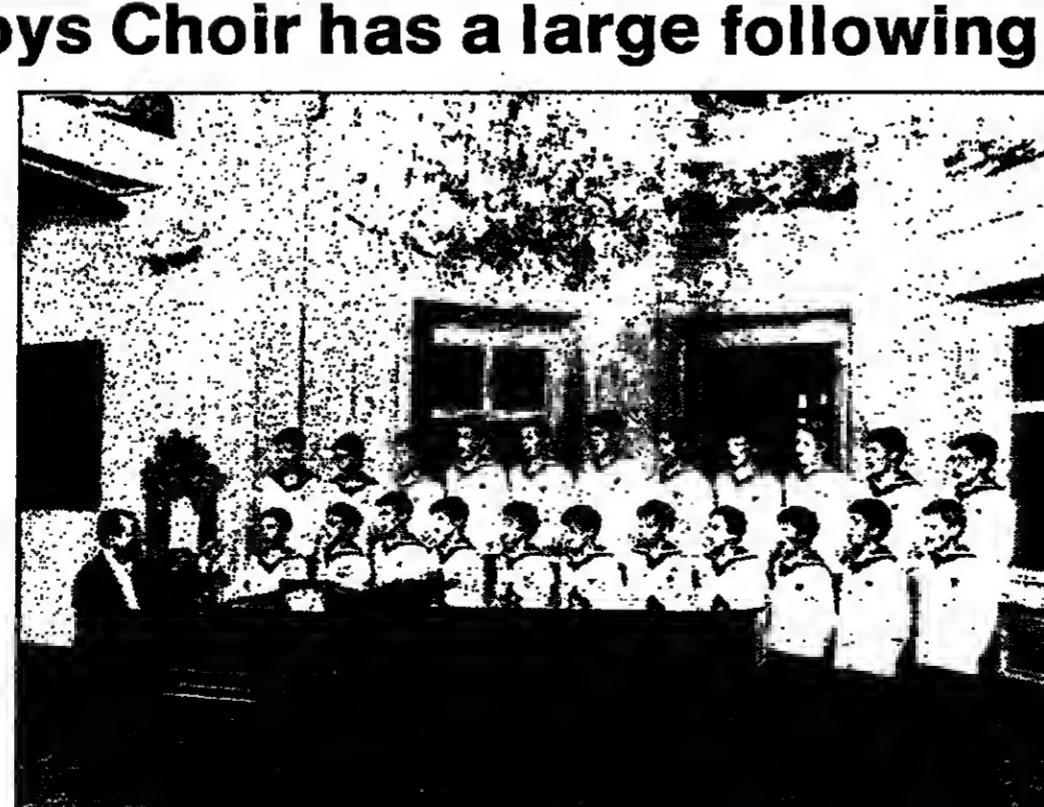
- Drive-In Ya Sadeeqi Kam Tasawi (Arabic)
- Al Jahra Amaia
- Granada Star Al Omar
- Al Firdous Begana (Hindi)
- Starring: Kumar Gaurav, Rati Agnihotri
- Fahsheel Open-Air Anjaam (Hindi)
- Ayyam Fi London

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The Vienna Boys Choir in performance at a concert.

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EDITORIALS

ARAB TIMES
Thought for today

A BAD man is worse than he pretends to be a saint—
Francis Bacon, English philosopher-writer (1561-1626).

Even giants have a limit to their power

By Joseph C. Harsch

WASHINGTON: 1987 has been the year that both the great superpowers of the world became generally conscious of the limits on their economic abilities and when this awareness began to influence their military policies.

The specialists and the experts had long since pointed to serious economic difficulties in both the United States and the Soviet Union. Budget and trade deficits have been endemic in the US from the early years of the Reagan administration. Stagnation in the Soviet economy began during the Brezhnev era, not under Mikhail Gorbachev. But it was in 1987 that the awareness of these economic difficulties first became generalised and began to influence policy.

It is more than coincidence that the year which brought a downgrading dollar and the worst day ever on the New York Stock Exchange (Oct 19) was also the year in which the US President, Ronald Reagan, went seriously to the bargaining table with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and signed away some of the best weapons in the US arsenal for the sake of an actual elimination of one category of weapons—the intermediates—from the European theatre.

And it is also more than coincidence that Gorbachev began his economic year on Jan 27 with a passionate plea for modernisation of the Soviet system and followed it up on Feb 28 by dropping his condition for the treaty on intermediate-range nuclear forces. He had until then insisted that Reagan give up "Star Wars" before Russia would accept the INF option.

Strain

The US had learned from both the Korean and the Vietnam wars that there are limits on the effective range of its military power. The Soviets have been learning the same thing from their eight-year ordeal in Afghanistan, where they are no nearer pacifying and controlling the country today than they were when they first sent their troops in back in 1979.

But it was not until this year of 1987, on Jan 27, that a new leader in the Kremlin dared to tell the entire assembled leadership of the Soviet Communist Party in Central Committee plenum that the system was simply not working anymore and that the USSR was sliding dangerously behind the real values.

In other words, 1987 had identified the fact that the predominance of the USSR and the US enjoyed in both military and economic stature during the early years after World War II has been eroded. They still remain the most powerful countries on earth. Both still enjoy some economic growth. But the West European countries and Japan have been moving ahead faster, and China as well—from a starting line much further behind.

The relative slowing down of the giants was noticeable in 1987, and had become the first anxiety of both by the end of last year, which had identified the fact that the predominance of the USSR and the US enjoyed during the early years after World War II has been eroded.

The Christian Science Monitor.

Political fabric in Khartoum altered

By Hamza Hendawi

KHARTOUM. (Reuters): Success woven into the apparent failure of a rebel offensive in south Sudan may have altered the political fabric in Khartoum, forcing the government to take the rebellion more seriously.

Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) rebels scored their first victory outside the south in four years when they captured Kurmuk town, 600 km (375 miles) southeast of Khartoum, in November and went on to seize three more towns in four weeks.

Arafat and Western diplomats said the government's subsequent recapture of the towns did not disguise the psychological impact of the Blue Nile province offensive or the fact that the SPLA had opened a new front and must now be taken more seriously.

For the rebels, that could be a mixed blessing, the diplomats said.

Donations

A wave of Muslim patriotism after the fall of Kurmuk forced Khartoum politicians to swing behind the Army as ordinary Sudanese donated millions of pounds to support the troops.

The SPLA, led by former Army Colonel John Garang, is fighting to end what it sees as the dominance of Arabised and Muslim north Sudan over the mainly Christian and animist south.

The fighting in Blue Nile may have also played into the govern-

**Iraq braces for Iranian push****Waiting for final harvest**

By Ed Blanche

NICOSIA, (AP): Every day, Iranian television shows thousands of cheering "basij" or volunteers, waving huge Islamic banners as they leave for the war front with Iraq.

Revolutionary Guards Minister Mohsen Rafiq Doust told one group: "We won't stop the war until the victory of Islam over the unbelievers."

As Iran gears up for another ground offensive in the Gulf war, the Iraqis dig in around the battered southern port of Basra, the likely target of the big push.

A slogan on walls in the city says: "The final harvest is coming."

Last kick

Gen. Abdel Jabar Mohsen, the Iraqi Army's chief spokesman, recently told reporters in Basra that the coming Iranian offensive was "the last kick of a dying man."

Iran and Iraq have been at war since September 1980. Despite United Nations, Islamic and Arab efforts to end the conflict—the longest conventional war this century—there is no sign of a halt to the slaughter.

By Western estimates, more than one million people have been killed and 1.7 million wounded. Iran claims it has more than three million men under arms. The Iraqi Army has an estimated one million men.

Iran has amassed an estimated 250,000 to 300,000 men in the southern sector of the front for a new push. The Iraqis have bolstered their 3rd and 7th Army Corps in the south with another 50,000 to 100,000 men to blunt any new thrust.

Hardship

For weeks, both sides have been talking of a renewal of intense fighting. Iran boasts of "delivering powerful blows," while Iraq warns the Iranians they will be "exterminated and massacred."

But beneath the sabre-rattling and declarations, analysts

believe weariness with the carnage is seeping through on both sides.

The war is clearly having an effect on their economies, causing widespread hardship and undermining the populations' willingness to make sacrifices.

The Iraqis have launched a financial "jihad," or holy war, exhorting people who can't fight to give money to support the fighters. Informed Iranian sources say people have been forced to pay millions of dollars for the war effort.

Reports are rife of wealthy merchants who buy their sons out of military service.

Many families have taken young sons out of the country before they reach the draft age. Now no male over the age of 15 is allowed to leave Iran.

Leaders on both sides have been out in the countryside rallying their people for another round of fighting in the winter campaign season.

Replaced

Most of the major battles are in the winter because in summer, temperatures soar to a debilitating 120 degrees Fahrenheit (48 Centigrade) in the flatlands and flinty hills in the southern and central sectors of the 730-mile (1,180-kilometre) front.

On the Iraqi side, President Saddam Hussein recently flew to Basra on a morale-boosting visit and to inspect the formidable defence lines on the city's eastern outskirts.

He has also shaken up his high command following Iran's last big offensive in January and February. In that thrust, Ayatollah Khomeini's Revolutionary Guards broke through three Iraqi defence lines and for a while looked as though they might capture Basra.

They battled to within six miles (10 kms) of the city before they were stopped with appalling losses.

Saddam has since replaced several of his commanders, Western diplomats in Baghdad report.

They also said the Army's cumbersome chain of command, under which field commanders had little freedom of action, has been shaken up to give frontline forces more flexibility.

Iran's President, Ali Khamenei, Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani and other key leaders have been recruiting heavily across the country.

Analysts say this unprecedented campaign indicates volunteers are not coming forward on the scale they have in the past.

Schoolboys

Education Minister Kazem Akrami, exhorting students to enlist, told one rally that field commanders have said that schoolboys "were the best front-line fighters in operations in which they spearheaded suicidal human-wave assaults through Iraqi minefields."

The Iraqis, who bold some 12,000 Iranian prisoners, have captured some boys as young as 10 years old.

Akrami said students make up around 60 per cent of all basic Iran, with a population of around 45 million, has some 11 million youngsters in college or school.

Informed Iranian sources said that the Revolutionary Guards

believe that taking Basra will chew up Saddam's military machine and precipitate internal unrest that will bring about his downfall, one of Khomeini's main objectives.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Crude oil prices soar on expected cold snap

NEW YORK, Jan 5. (Reuter): Crude oil prices soared by 99 cents to \$17.69 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange yesterday following forecasts of cold weather and signs that Opec is reducing production.

Temperatures in many parts of the United States yesterday dropped to their lowest levels this winter and forecasters expect sub-zero temperatures over two-thirds of the nation this week.

The price rise from last Thursday put the February contract for West Texas Intermediate (WTI), the US benchmark, at its highest level since December 15. WTI was quoted on the US spot market at \$17.75 a barrel, up 95 cents from Thursday.

The weather forecasts pushed heating oil prices up strongly, with the February heating oil contract up 2.77 cents at \$2.76 a gallon in early afternoon trading. Petrol prices also gained, with unleaded climbing a strong 2.29 cents to 46.11 cents a gallon.

Traders also said the market was supported by signs that the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) was beginning to tackle the glut created by its high level of production in December.

A monthly estimate of Opec output by Reuters put production in December at an average of 18.35 million barrels per day, unchanged from November and well above organisation's ceiling of 16.6 million barrels a day.

However, Oil Minister Mana

Said Al Oteiba of the United Arab Emirates said yesterday that organisation production had fallen below the 1988 ceiling of 15.06 million barrels daily, which was fixed at a meeting last month after several members cut back.

"It could be the Opec production cutbacks are beginning to have an effect on the market," said Andrew Lebow, vice president at Shearson Lehman Brothers.

Oil traders said the United Arab Emirates, Iraq and Nigeria have halted their reported price discounting, indicating that Opec may be trying to stabilise the market.

"Opec countries are not discounting oil on an aggressive basis and many are indicating they will not sell their crude oil at anything less than official prices," said Howard Rennell, oil analyst with Cargill Investor Services.

North Sea Brent oil was also higher, with oil for delivery in January at \$18.65 a barrel, up sharply from \$17.75 on Thursday. Traders said the purchase of a large number of Brent cargoes by one trader had pushed up the price of the European benchmark oil.

Goria in Singapore for economic talks

SINGAPORE, Jan 5. (UPI): Italian Prime Minister Giovanni Goria arrived in Singapore today in a bid to increase his country's economic stakes in Asia.

Goria, met by Labour Minister Lee Yock Suan, was accompanied by an entourage of more than 40, including businessmen and trade officials.

Lunch with members of the Italian business community and talks with Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew were packed into Goria's one-day visit before heading to Jakarta and New Delhi as part of his regional swing.

Goria said his visit to the region, the first by an Italian prime minister, was a step in gaining a firmer foothold and setting the groundwork for expanded economic relations.

During his three-day stop in Malaysia, Goria expressed opposition to the European Economic Community's move to impose a levy on palm oil and an Investment Guarantee Agreement (IGA) was signed paving the way for a greater inflow of investments.

Foreign Ministry Secretary-General Zainal Abidin said the subject of palm oil was addressed during a two-hour meeting yesterday between Goria and Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad.

As the world's largest producer and exporter of palm oil, Malaysia is concerned that any levy will reduce its competitiveness.

Malaysian Trade and Industry Minister Datin Paduka Rafidah Aziz said the signing of the IGA is expected to go a long way toward increasing the flow of Italian capital in Malaysia.

Businessmen seek Takeshita-Reagan currency pact

Concrete ways needed to stabilise dollar

TOKYO, Jan 5. (Reuter): Top Japanese business leaders today urged Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita to come up with concrete ways to stabilise the dollar because it would discourage foreign investment in America.

The call by Japanese business leaders seemed to catch the government by surprise.

Groundwork

Japanese government officials said that they had not laid the groundwork for any specific currency agreement between Takeshita and Reagan.

Takashi Ishihara, chairman of the Japan Committee

of Corporate Executives, said Takeshita should tell Reagan that a further dollar fall would hurt the US economy because it would discourage foreign investment in America.

Miyazawa told reporters today that the two men would at most reconfirm last month's Group of Seven statement on currency stability.

In that statement, Britain, Canada, France, Italy, Japan, the United States and West Germany said that a further fall of the dollar could hurt the world economy.

But they failed to spell out how they would prevent a dollar drop.

As a result, the US currency fell to a post-war low of 120.45 yen yesterday, before

rebounding to close here today at 124.80 yen.

Eishiro Saito, chairman of the Federation of Economic Organisations, told the news conference that the yen's sharp rise has made it extremely difficult to predict the outlook for the economy.

Shipments

Economists said the strong yen hurt Japanese exporters by forcing them to lose sales and profits on their shipments abroad.

The business leaders urged Japan to speed up efforts to open its market wider to

foreign goods in a bid to reduce its trade surplus.

They also called on the government to pass on profits from the strong yen to the public. The sharp rise of the yen has lowered the cost of importing goods into Japan.

"We strongly hope that the government brings down prices of consumer products in line with the yen's sharp rise," Ishihara said.

Consumer spending should be encouraged to help boost the Japanese economy. Rokuro Ishikawa, president of the Japan and Tokyo Chamber of Commerce, said.

IDB, AMF loans for Morocco

DEDDAH, Jan 5. (Opecna): The Islamic Development Bank (IDB) is to extend a \$15 million loan to finance crude oil import to Morocco from a member country under an agreement signed here yesterday.

The credit was signed by IDB President Dr Ahmad Mohamed Ali and the Moroccan ambassador in Saudi Arabia, Dr Ahmed Ramzi.

This brings IDB total assistance to the country to \$38 million since August last year.

Meanwhile, Morocco will also receive \$7.9 million from the Arab Monetary Fund for balance of payments support.

The agreement was signed yesterday by the Fund's Director General, Dr Abdullab Al Quwaiz, and the Moroccan ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, Abdul Karim Al Samar.

The credit carries an annual interest rate of between 3.75 and 4.75 per cent, and is repayable in three years, including an 18-month grace period.

This loan brings the Fund's total assistance to Morocco to more than \$309 million since its inception in 1979.

Turkish inflation soars to 55.1 pc in 1987

ISTANBUL, Jan 5. (Reuter): Consumer prices in Turkey soared 55.1 per cent in 1987, more than double the government target, the State Institute for Statistics (SIS) said today.

Steep price rises after Prime Minister Turgut Ozal's November 29 election victory helped push up the 1987 annual figure, economists said.

In December consumer prices rose 11.3 per cent compared with 6.2 per cent in November and 1.6 per cent in December 1986, according to SIS, quoted by the Anatolian news agency.

Target

The original government target for 1987 inflation was about 20 per cent but was undermined by a big 1987 budget deficit and GNP growth of 6.8 per cent, compared with a target of five per cent.

Foreign aid is set to rise to \$4.3 billion from \$3.3 billion, and is the primary vehicle for financing the country's capital improvements, according to budget documents.

Transport gets the biggest emphasis in the capital budget. More than \$600 million is set aside to build roads and \$227 million to improve harbours and airports in this sprawling archipelago of 13,000 islands.

"It is impossible to bring inflation down to very low levels as in advanced countries... the country is still growing very fast," Ozal said.

Meanwhile, Turkey imported a record 2.15 million tons of crude oil in November mainly from Iran and Iraq to fuel its industrial development, oil industry sources said today.

Imports in the first 11 months of last year totalled 18 million tons worth \$2.48 billion, compared with 15.4 million tons and \$1.67 billion in the same 1986 period.

Turkey, which has broadened its industrial base since 1984 under Prime Minister Turgut Ozal, plans to import 22.1 million tons of crude this year, the sources said.

Suppliers

They said Iran and Iraq were Turkey's main oil suppliers, with 5.99 million and 5.67 million tons respectively, in the first 10 months, followed by Libya with 1.87 million.

Turkey borders both countries and has remained neutral in their seven-year-long war.

Natural gas prices up

NEW YORK, Jan 5. (Opecna): Prices of natural gas at the spot market were increased yesterday to \$1.10 per million British Thermal Units (MBTU) compared to last month's levels of \$1.70.

Early last year, spot prices were quoted at \$1.50 per MBTU.

Experts attributed the increase to a number of factors, including a cold weather spell in various parts of the United States and a fresh dispute between pipeline companies and gas producers over a government ruling that went into effect at the weekend.

Under the ruling, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission permitted pipeline companies to reduce the amount of gas they were obliged to buy from producers by whatever volumes the producers sold directly to other customers rather than to pipeline companies.

The anticipation that many producers would refuse to sell gas under these terms prompted customers, including major industrial users of natural gas, to increase spot market orders, forcing prices to go up, according to an expert.

Several large users of natural gas, including steel and paper mills and motor car manufacturers, were reported to have spent large sums to install oil-burning units to operate their plants.

World Business Summary

Bright prospects for charter market

LONDON, Jan 5. (AP): Although few representative trades featured in thin fixing on the London shipping freight market yesterday, there was no sign of any weakening in the general tone of the charter market after the Christmas and New Year holiday period.

North American grain fixing concentrated on North Pacific outlets. Cargil paid \$19.50 for an unspecified first-half February loader to work 10,000 tons of barley from Vancouver to Chile, while Dreyfus paid \$26 for the Chennai Polite to work 30,000 tons of wheat from the US North Pacific to Egypt after Jan 7-12 loading. Cargill also accounted for the sale of US grain export fixture, which involved 19,500 tons for mid-January shipment in Puerto Cabello (Venezuela) aboard the Delrim at \$18.25. Coal, iron ore and sugar sectors failed to generate fresh physical business but the fertilizer market was represented by Indian charterers' payment of \$15.50 for the Safer to move 8,500 tons of bulk sulphur from Jubail in west coast India after spot loading. Time-charter operations began the New Year on a slow note with detailed bookings confined to the Klaveness payment of \$9,500 per day to the 61,500 tonner Gregos for 50-70 days trading after Jan 7 delivery at Antwerp.

Saudi Arabia, Sweden discuss oil market

RIVADH, Jan 5. (Opecna): Saudi Arabian Petroleum and Mineral Resources Minister Hisham M. Nazir and Swedish Energy and Environment Minister Ms Brigitte Dahl today held talks on the world oil market situation. The Saudi minister said after the talks that they also covered raising the volume of trade between the two countries and exchange of technological know-how.

Meanwhile, the Saudi minister also said on television here that the Kingdom had successfully diversified its sources of income and lessened its dependence on petroleum. He noted that credit institutions for financing industrial and agricultural projects had been established. A high growth rate had also been achieved in agriculture. Non-oil products had risen from \$2 billion in 1986 to \$2.5 billion in 1987. The main objective of this year's budget was to increase revenues and decrease expenditure, the minister said.

Maltese premier to renew oil pact with Libya

VALLETTA, Jan 5. (AP): Maltese Premier Edward Fenech Adami left today on a three-day visit to Libya to meet with Col. Muammar Khaddafi and to renew an agreement on the supply of Libyan crude oil to the island at below market prices. It is Fenech Adami's first visit to Libya since his Nationalist Party defeated the socialists in elections last May. Libya, the island's closest neighbour in North Africa, has a string of investments in Maltese industry. Malta has a favourable trade balance with Libya. Under the agreement being renewed in Tripoli, Libya will supply for another year crude oil to the island 5 per cent below the Opec price, officials said. Fenech Adami's government has been stressing since the elections that it wants to take some distance from Libyan policy. It had made it clear from the start that it was not adhering to a clause in a 1984 cooperation agreement under which Malta was bound to supply military information to the Tripoli government. The friendship treaty had been negotiated with Libya by the previous socialist government.

The government says that the two countries' foreign policies are different and independent but relations remain good. Malta plans to open three supermarkets in Libya selling Maltese goods and further Libyan investment in Malta is also being studied.

Wage growth sinks

TOKYO, Jan 5. (AP): The average Japanese worker received a wage increase last year of 3.6 per cent, the lowest in 19 years, the Labour Ministry said today. Toshihiko Terada of the ministry attributed the low increase to a business slump triggered by the yen's rapid appreciation against the US dollar. The average wage increase was 4.6 per cent in 1986.

To obtain the wage-increase figure, Terada said, the ministry questioned 3,200 private companies with 30 employees or more, chosen at random in September. The survey has been conducted since 1968 and the highest increase, 29.3 per cent, was posted in 1974, Terada said. Another Labour Ministry official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the average monthly wage of a Japanese worker in a company with 30 employees or more in 1986 was \$27,041 yen (\$2,620), which included overtime pay and bonuses and various allowances such as housing and commutation.

Adnoc lists '87 achievements

ABU DHABI, Jan 5. (Opecna): Two new gas fields were made in Abu Dhabi emirate in 1987, while an offshore oilfield was brought on stream, according to Rashid Al Suweidi, a senior executive of the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (Adnoc). The gasfields were discovered at Bab and Bu Hessa by the Abu Dhabi Onshore Oil Operations (Adco), an Adnoc subsidiary. Al Suweidi told the local magazine "Petroleum Community" that preliminary estimates placed the reserves at 3.23 trillion cu. ft. The offshore Fatah oilfield which came onstream in July produced at a rate of around 10,000 b/d between July and October.

The facilities at the field were built by the Umm Al-Dalkh development company which is in the process of being merged with the Zakum development company.

Reviewing Adnoc's activities during the year just ended, Al Suweidi said it had continued its exploration programme throughout its 'sole risk' areas and joint venture concessions both onshore and offshore, including seismic surveys and exploratory drilling. He said Adnoc and its operating companies drilled or tested three exploratory and two appraisal wells including a deep well and three wells for certain types of formations.

Al Suweidi said a deep exploratory well drilled in September will have its results known in early 1988.

Japan stores sell lucky bags

TOKYO, Jan 5. (Reuter): A Japanese department store is selling a "lucky bag" containing mystery gifts for 210 million yen (\$1.7 million) to celebrate the New Year. Japanese people like to buy bags at New Year without knowing what is in them—the contents are supposed to be worth more than the price, and people enjoy the surprise. But because of the gilt-edged price, the Mitsukoshi department store said it is letting potential buyers of the super-expensive lucky bag know what they are getting. "The bag contains a golden dragon weighing 2.5 kg (5.5 pounds) with diamond eyes, a rough diamond, a Swiss-made watch, a diamond necklace and a jewellery box to put them in," he said. "Altogether they were worth over 300 million yen (\$2.46 million)." The spokesman said the price of 210 million yen was suggested by the approaching 21st century. "We are living in an affluent society and we hope to be able to sell it," he added. Another department store, Takashimaya, is offering a bag at 15 million yen (\$120,000) for which two orders have already been received, a spokesman said. The bag contains tickets for a one-week trip to Honolulu on the Queen Elizabeth II passenger liner and all the items needed for the trip including evening dress, handbags, jewellery and underwear for two, said a Takashimaya spokesman. "You can go on board without any suitcases," he said.

Cheaper lucky bags priced between 1,000 and 50,000 yen (\$8 to \$400) were selling like crazy and a third department store said it had received nearly 600 offers for a bag priced at two million yen (\$16,000).

Turkey eyes Istanbul's pot of gold

ISTANBUL, Jan 5. (Reuter): Behind a gloomy archway leading to Istanbul's sprawling covered bazaar lies a glittering array of gold — enough, economists say, to help pay for Turkey's industrial modernisation.

Suharto, addressing parliament in a nationwide broadcast, said the steep decline in the value of the dollar over the last year had been disastrous for Indonesia's debt picture.

Indonesia has to pay back \$6.06 billion in the 1988/89 fiscal year, which begins on April 1, a painful jump from last year's repayments of \$4.12 billion and a five-fold increase from 1982. The debt burden consumes 36 per cent of the new budget.

Spending

Overall spending is set to rise by 27 per cent to \$26.93 billion rupiah (\$17.5 billion) from \$22.78 billion (\$13.8 billion).

Government will be boosted by a surge in exports outside the oil sector, a nearly 30 per cent increase in foreign aid, and a 20 per cent increase in tax revenues.

Suharto said inflation was 8.9

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NAME	LAST	CLODROK LAND SEC'S	480/4	NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
ABBET LFE	248/0	LAPORTE	418/D	A.B. ELECT	375/0	369/0
ALO LTONS	362/0	LASMO	283/0	APV PLC	134/0	135/0
AMSTRAD	118/D	LEGAL+GEN	287/0	AARONSON	112/0	113/0
ARGTLL GP	191.D	LLOTD5 BK	255/0	AAN HDLG	317/0	319/0
ASDA NFI	170/0	LONRHO	255/0	ACATOS+HT	438/0	438/0
A B FOODS	299/D	LUCAS IND	575/0	ADDISON G	94/0	93/0
BAA PP	99.0	MAGNET	212/0	ADWEST GP	290/D	293/0
BTR	282/0	MARKS+SP	178/0	AILSA	141/0	143/0
BAT IHDS	469/0	MAXWELL C	255/0	ALEX WRKW	168/0	170/0
BARCLAYS	485/0	METAL BOX	217/D	ALLIANCE	716/0	722/0
BASS	842/0	MEPC	460/0	ALLD COLL	116/D	118/0
BEAZER	178/0	MIDLAND BK	390/0	ALLD PLAN	44/0	47/0
BEECHAMS	477/D	NEXT	83.71	AMARI PLC	148/0	150/0
BET ORD	235/2	HTN FOODS	265/0	AMEC PLC	316/0	321/0
8ICC PLC	342/0	P & O DFD	S15/4	AMER TRUS	104/0	107/0
BLUE ARW	108.D	PEARL	465/D	AMERSHAM	445/0	452/0
BLUE CIRC	445/0	PEARSON	695/0	ANGLIA TV	351/0	353/0
BOC GP	423/D	PILKINGTON	238/0	ANSBACHER	70/0	70/0
BOOTS CO	248/0	PLESSEY	152/D	U-APP HOL	345/0	345/0
BPB INDS	267/0	PRUDENTIAL	854/0	APPLEYARD	316/0	320/0
BR COMM	328/D	RACAL	236/D	APRICOT	98/0	98/0
BR AIRWAY	160.0	RANK HVIS	329/0	ARMSTRONG	150/0	155/0
BR AEROSP	349/0	RANK ORG	592/0	ANGLO O'S	352/D	358/0
BR GAS PP	131/4	RECKITT+CO	807/4	AQUSCUTUM	260/0	270/0
B.P.	60.73	REDLAND	420/0	ASHLEY L	130/0	130/0
B.P. HEW	71/0	REED	417/0	AUTO SEC	251/0	251/0
BR TELCOM	227/0	RYL BK SC	346/0	AVIS EUR	288/0	292/0
BRITOIL	445/0	RMC GRP	447/0	AVON RUBB	633/0	635/0
BUNZL	175/0	REUTERS	543.0	BBA GP	159/D	162/0
BURMAH OL	448/D	RT2 CORP.	360/D	BSG INTL	71/0	72/0
BURTON	227/0	RDLL5 ROY	131/0	BAILL JAP	375/0	378/0
CABLE&WIR	362/D	ROTHMAN B	380/0	BANKER IT	61/D	63/0
CADBURYS	250/D	ROHTREE	449/D	8K DF SCO	538/D	542/0
COATS VIY	282/D	ROYAL INS	425/0	BARKER DO	149/0	148/D
COMM UNI	357/D	SAATCHI	443/4	BARRT OEV	175/0	178/0
CONS GOLD	890/0	SAINSBURY	227/D	B.WEHMILL	144/D	145/0
COOKSONS	555/0	SCOT+NEW	213/0	BEJAM GP	186/0	188/D
COURTAULD	352.0	SEARS	131/0	BELHAVEN	45/0	46/D
DALGETY	325/D	SEGEWICK	225/D	BELLWAY	181/0	181/0
DEE CP	208.0	SNELL	D70/D	BEMROSE	182/0	183/D
DIXONS	204.0	SMITH+NEPH	149/D	BENLOX HD	35/D	36/D
ENG CHINA	422/0	STD .CHART	495/4	U-BENNETT	39/0	39/0
ENTER DIL	268/D	STC	241/0	BENTALLS	154/0	155/0
FERRANTI	88.0	STOREHSE	255.0	BERISFORD	300/0	304/0
FISONS	267/0	SUN ALLIA	852/0	BERKELEY	263/0	265/0
GEH ACCIO	830/0	TARMAC	237/0	BLCK LE 2	20/2	20/4
GEN ELEC	164/0	TATE&LYLE	808/0	BOASE MAS	247/D	251/0
GLAXO	022.0	TESCO	161/0	BODDINGTD	140/0	141/0
GRANADA	306/4	THORN EMI	560/0	BOOKER PL	380/0	383/0
GLOBE	135/0	TRAF HSE	318/0	BORTHWICK	46/0	46/D
GRAND NET	464/0	T + N	183/0	BOWATER	364/0	366/0
GUS A	133/0	TRUSTHSE	230/0	BOWTHORPE	174/0	175/0
GUARD RYL	862.0	ULTRAMAR	183/D	BRAMMER	235/D	236/0
GHK	299/0	UNILEVER	502/D	BRENT CHE	123/0	121/0
GUINNESS	296/0	UNIGATE	283/0	BRENT WKR	291/0	291/0
HIMMERSN A	540/D	UTD BISC	277/0	BRIDON	157/0	160/D
HANSON	135/0	UTD NWSPR	434/0	BRITANNIC	970/0	970/0
HUKER SID	465.0	WELLCOME	392/0	BR ASSETS	61/D	63/0
HAWLEY	99/D	WHTBRD IN	295/0	BR.LND CO	257/0	260/0
HILLSDOWN	285/6	WILLIS FB	240/0	BR VITA	415/0	418/0
		WOOLWORTH	268/0	BRIXTON E	240/0	241/0

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-OATS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1437.1	1402.0	1373.3	1373.3
FT 500 SHR	D	977.7	957.6	957.6
FT ALL 5HR	0	86.50	70.22	870.22
FT GOV SEC	88.37	88.47	88.49	88.49
FT GOLD MN	295.9	298.9	302.1	302.1
FT NINES F	0	447.70	450.65	450.65
-FT DIL	0	1708.5	1663.6	1663.6
FT WLO DLR	114.79	115.04	113.64	115.04
FT WLO STG	90.72	90.79	90.53	90.79
FT WLO LOC	99.37	99.08	98.78	99.08

London Stock Market Report

LONDON, JAN 5 - SHARE PRICES DRIFTED FROM THE DAY'S HIGHS IN LATE TRADING ON MODEST PROFIT-TAKING AFTER EARLY DOLLAR STRENGTH AND SUBSEQUENT CONCERTED EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK INTERVENTION TO SUPPORT THE U.S. DOLLAR. SENTIMENT

SUPPORT THE U.S. CURRENCY LIFTED SENTIMENT.

AT 1609 GMT THE FTSE 100 SHARE INDEX WAS 42.6 UP AT 1,790.1 AFTER TOUCHING A HIGH OF 1,798.3.

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DEALERS SAID ALTHOUGH TRADING VOLUMES SHOWED A MARKED IMPROVEMENT ON YESTERDAY'S LOW LEVELS, AN UNDERLYING MOOD OF CAUTION PREVAILS AS OPERATORS REMAIN SUSPICIOUS OF THE DOLLAR'S ABILITY TO SUSTAIN CURRENT LEVELS.

OPERATORS SAID THE MARKET'S RELUCTANCE TO PUSH THROUGH THE 1,800 LEVEL ON THE FTSE 100 INDEX UNDERLINED WORRIES OVER THE DOLLAR'S DOWNSIDE POTENTIAL.

CONCERNED EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK INTERVENTION YESTERDAY AND TODAY, TOGETHER WITH U.S. FEDERAL RESERVE PARTICIPATION, APPEARED TO BE MORE OF A HOLOING ACTION ON THE DOLLAR AGAINST THE PROSPECT OF A SUBSTANTIAL SELL-OFF IN THE CURRENCY IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY PERIOD, DEALERS SAID.

CONCERN ALSO PERSISTS OVER THE ABILITY OF THE CRUDE OIL

J-Block

LONDON, JAN 5 - GOLD BULLION FINISHED A NET TWO DLRS LOWER IN LONDON AT 478.00/478.50 DLRS AN OUNCE, RECOVERING FROM A SIX WEEK LOW OF 475.50 DLRS AT THE AFTERNOON FIXING SESSION. DEALERS SAID A LATE BOUT OF PROFESSIONAL SHORTCOVERING SUPPORTED THE METAL AT THE CLOSE, BUT ALL PRECIOUS METALS HAD COME UNDER PRESSURE FOLLOWING THE STRENGTHN OF THE DOLLAR. CONCERTED CENTRAL BANK INTERVENTION TO SUPPORT THE CURRENCY OVER THE PAST TWO DAYS HAS DRAGGED GOLD LOWER, ALTHOUGH INTEREST HAS BEEN GENERALLY LOW KEY FOLLOWING THE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY, APART ERGA ROUTINE PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY AND LIGHT CUSTOMER OFFTAKE

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LONDON, JAN 5 - MONEY RATES EDGED HIGHER IN PLACES AS THE DOLLAR EXTENDED ITS NEW YEAR RALLY, CAUSING A SHARP DROP IN STERLING'S TRADE-WEIGHTED IMOEX, DEALERS SAID.

THE IMOEX CLOSED DOWN 0.5 POINT AT 75.4, WITH FOREIGN EXCHANGE OPERATORS CHOOSING TO INTERPRET A LARGE 3.74 BILLION DLR RISE IN U.K. OFFICIAL RESERVES IN DECEMBER AS A SIGN THAT THE POUND'S UPSIDE POTENTIAL WOULD BE LIMITED BY BANK OF ENGLAND ACTION IN THE MARKET.

THIS INTERPRETATION, AND FURTNER DOLLAR SUPPORTING CENTRAL BANK ACTION, PUSHED STERLING DOWN ALMOST FIVE CENTS TO 1.8250/60

BRUNSWICK

Foreign Exchange					
	DLR	STG	DNK	FFR	
DLR -----	1.8475/85		1.6115/25	5.4480/10	OPG
STG 18480/90	-----		2.3960/90	10.0725/0875	NOON
ONK 1.6088/6168	2.976/990		-----	29.505/665	
FFR 54465/4585	10.745/925		337.79/8.39	-----	FIX
SFR 1.3125-3135	2.4242-4274		81.32-43	24.06-06	1300
HFL 1.8145	2.3535		112.45	33.26	FIX
ECU 1.27966	0.693205		2.06409	6.97669	
SDR 1.41656	0.754855		2.24043	7.58426	CLSE
YEN 124.70/80	231.58/90		-----	-----	HOON

EWD-STUR 109/0 110/0 U-RANDS T 140/0 140/0 YALE&VALO 228/0 231/0

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
AUSTRALIA	253.9	259.3	255.7	259.3
AUSTRIA	212.3	215.4	215.3	215.4
BELGIUM	256.4	260.2	257.2	260.2
CANADA	358.4	350.7	350.3	350.7
DENMARK	335.1	336.6	338.2	336.6
FRANCE	285.4	288.5	291.1	288.5
GERMANY	148.3	156.6	155.0	156.6
HONG KONG	1631.4	1644.3	1643.9	1644.3
ITALY	375.1	377.4	376.0	377.4
JAPAN	1000.1	1022.3	1022.3	1022.3
MEXICO	5169.2	5476.3	5329.9	5476.3
NETHERLANDS	215.6	215.9	216.1	215.9
NORWAY	394.5	392.4	385.4	392.4
SINGAPORE	477.5	473.1	468.5	473.1
SPAIN	208.4	209.5	207.0	209.5
SWEDEN	688.3	697.3	691.73	697.3
SWITZ	138.3	140.7	140.0	140.7
U.K.	527.0	515.7	520.3	515.7
U.S.A.	237.6	229.4	227.2	229.4
WORLD	407.6	408.0	402.8	408.0

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NEW YORK

NAME	OPEN	CLOSE
AB SCH COM	33/6	33/3
ATLANTIC R	73/6	72/6
BAR CORP	18/7	18/6
BETNA LIFE	45/7	46/0
ALASKA AIR	14/1	14/0
ALCAN ALUM	29/6	28/6
ALCO STAND	21/0	21/0
AM CAP SEC	25/1	25/0
AMER CYANA	45/4	43/0
AM FAMILT	14/4	14/2
AM HOM PRO	74/5	74/4
AM STANDARD	39/0	37/4
AM STORES	52/0	51/6
AMER T T	29/0	28/4
AMOCO CP	71/4	71/0
AMP INC	51/0	49/4
AMPCO PIT	14/6	14/4
ANR CORP	36/0	35/7
ANR GEN CO	33/0	32/6
ANRDA HESS	26/6	25/7
ANTHEM ELE	10/4	10/3
APACHE CP	8/1	7/7
APACHE PET	3/6	3/7
ARMCO INC	12/0	11/6
ASARCO INC	29/4	29/1
ASHLDN OIL	57/1	57/3
ATLS CORP	31/0	31/0
AVERY INT	21/4	21/2
AVNET INC	25/4	25/4
AVON PRODS	26/5	26/1
BELL ATLAN	67/6	67/6
BELL CAN E	28/7	28/6
BELL-HOW	60/2	60/2
BETH STEEL	18/0	17/6
BEVERLY	6/4	6/6
BANK BOSTON	23/4	23/0
BANK BSTN-A	D	49/4
BANK N-YORK	27/4	27/2
BANK TR-NY	33/5	32/7
BANKAMER	7/6	7/5
BANKSPEC	6/5	6/6
BOEING	40/2	38/6
BOISE CASC	70/7	70/2
BORDEN	53/0	51/7
BORG-WARNR	0	45/5
BOWATER	32/3	31/3
BUR TELECOM	42/6	43/0
BURGIGGS-STR	28/4	28/0
BURST-NYER	44/0	43/2
BURNSWICK	15/6	15/5
BURNNOY CP	12/1	12/0
BUS 3 IHC	11/7	11/7
CABOT CORP	0	32/7
CAESARS WO	20/7	20/5
CAROLI FRE	22/0	21/6
CAS MAT GS	14/2	14/1
CAST-COOKE	18/0	18/2
CATERPILLA	63/6	62/5
CBI IND	20/7	21/0
CBUS	165/0	162/4
CENTEL CP	36/4	35/6
CENTRO DAT	2/2	2/2
CHAMP INTL	36/5	36/1
CHAMP SPA	12/2	12/1
CHARTER CO	3/7	3/6
CHASE MANN	23/2	22/6
CHENED CP	33/7	33/4
CHEMIC NY	23/1	22/6
CHEVROM	42/5	41/6
CHRITSLER	24/0	23/2
CHUBB CORP	58/0	56/6
CHUR FR CH	7/2	7/0
CHIGNA CORP.	46/2	45/7
CHIR MILAGR	21/6	21/3
CHIR CJT ST	20/0	19/4
CHICLE K	11/1	11/0
CHITICORP	20/7	20/3
CLARK EQUI	24/6	24/2
CLOROX	28/7	28/2
CMPBLL RES	1/5	1/5
CMPBLL SP	27/4	27/4
COND PACIFC	17/2	16/6
COACHMEN	7/5	7/2
COASTAL	26/7	26/3
COCA COLA	40/1	39/7
COLECO	4/0	3/7
COLEMAN CO	33/6	33/4
COLGATE	41/6	41/0
COLT INDS	10/1	10/0
COLUMB GAS	41/2	40/5
COMM EDIS	28/5	28/3
CONAGRA	27/4	27/0
CONS ED-NY	42/6	42/3
CONTINENTA	40/2	39/5
ONTL ILLH	*02	*02
ONTTEL CP	30/3	30/1
ONTR DATA	24/2	22/6
COOPER T-R	31/4	31/2
COOPER COM	9/5	9/2
CORNING GL	49/6	48/6
CRAHE	21/4	21/4
CRAY RES	77/0	73/4
CULLIMET	6/3	6/2
CUNIEL IND	7/0	6/4
CUTA GEN	26/0	25/1
CUTAPOINT	5/2	5/0
CUTAYTON HUD	30/2	30/0
CUTIG EQUIP	143/4	141/0
CUREE-CO	36/5	35/7
CUTELTA AIR	38/4	37/6
CUTIAMON SH	8/7	8/5
CUTIEBOLD	41/4	40/0
CUTNEY W	65/0	62/2
CUTOVER CORP	63/4	63/1
CUDW CHEM	93/6	92/2
CUDW JONES	31/0	30/0
CUDRESSER	27/2	26/3
CUDREYFUS	26/6	25/7
CUDLUKE POWER	43/3	43/4
CUDUN BRAD	56/0	55/5
CUDUPONT	91/0	89/0
CUDUQUESNE	12/2	12/1
CUDYNAMICS	19/4	19/3
CUDSYSTEMS	28/3	28/1
CUDASTMAN K	52/4	51/2
CUDATON CORP	79/7	79/2
CUDHERY AIR	5/5	5/4
CUDMHART CP	20/7	21/0
CUDTHYL CP	19/5	19/3
CUDXON	40/6	40/3
CUDAN DOL ST	10/0	10/0
CUDEO EXPRESS	44/0	42/4
CUDELOREST	15/1	14/7
CUDH CON-AM	1/5	1/4
CUDIRESTONE	34/0	32/0
CUDMC CORP	35/0	34/3
CUDORD MOTOR	79/7	78/5
CUDORT HOWAR	38/4	36/6
CUDXBORO CO	23/7	23/4
CUDRCHDL IND	9/5	9/4
CUDST BANK	21/0	21/1
CUDST BOSTON	25/7	25/2
CUDST CHICAG	20/4	20/0
CUDST CTU BK	,09	,08
CUDST NAT BC	30/6	30/4
CUDAF CORP	44/5	44/5
CUDANNET CO	39/7	39/2
CUDALVESTON	1/6	1/6
CUDATX CORP	38/4	38/4
CUDCA CP	2/7	3/0
CUDEARHART	1/0	1/0
CUDQ DATA	4/3	4/2
CUDEN QYNAH	50/6	50/4
CUDHL ELECT	47/4	46/5
CUDH HOST	8/6	8/4

50/1	NEW ENG EL	22/6	23/0	SERV CORP	23/6	23/0
62/7	NEW PLA RE	14/6	14/3	SF STH PAC	46/2	45/7
45/7	NEWELL CO	28/4	28/5	SHELL TRAN	79/1	78/2

Wall Street Market Report

The Dow 30 index was up 43 at 2058 but hit a high of 2066 today, a gain of more than 50 points. Gainers led declining issues six-to-one. High-Techs rallied for the second straight day. IBM and AT&T were the top gainers.

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

International Bond Highlights

ATLANTA: The Federal National Mortgage Association said it will issue up to one billion dollars in securities backed by seasoned and current fixed rate home mortgage loans owned by banking affiliates of Barnett Banks Inc.

Washington: Chase Manhattan Corp filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission for 8 proposed bonds offering of up to one billion dollars of debt securities on terms to be determined at a later date.

Hong Kong: The Security Pacific Credit (Hong Kong) Ltd is planning a 100 million Hong Kong dollar certificate of deposit issue, banking sources said.

Interest Rates

	CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN	8-3/4 5/8	8-3/4 5/8	9-15/16
FFT	3-25/35	3-45/50	3-40/50
PAR	8-3/16 5/16	8-1/16 3/16	8-9/16 11/16
ZUR	7/8 1-1/8	1-7/8 2-1/8	2-3/8 2-5/8
BRX	7.00	6-5/8 3/4	6-11/16 13/16
RON	9-3/4 10-1/4	10-1/2 11	10-5/8 11-1/8
AMS	4-3/8 4-1/2	4-3/8 4-1/2	4-1/2 4-5/8
TOK	3.6875 7500	3.8125 8750	3.8750 9375
ECU	6.31 6.56	6.75 6.87	6.81 6.95

Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait on yesterday:

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	3-1/8	3-3/4
3 months	4-5/16	4-13/16
6 months	4-7/8	5-3/8
1 year	5-1/4	5-3/4

BOMBAY

	PR CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GMFC	30.25	30.25	31.50	MODITALKALI	--	--	--
ACC	156.50	157	155	GRAYON120	--	--	--	NARMADACHIT	--	--	--
AMHADADV	--	--	--	GSFC	88	88	87.50	ORKAY	24	24	23.75
ANDRAH CEM	11.50	11	11.50	GLAFLORON	96	96	97.50	PREMAUTO	25	24	25
ANDRAH VLY	--	--	--	HINDALCO	115	116	118	RAYMOND MOUL	88.50	88	89
BAJAJ AUTO	44.75	46.00	45.50	HYD LAMPS	--	--	--	RELIANCE	113	114	113
BAR RAYON	150	145	150	IND ORG	25	22	25	SPIC	29.50	29	28.75
BOM DYING	98.50	97	100.50	INDRAYON	52	52	53	STD MILLS	205	195	205
BOMBAY STOCK PRICES	--	--	--	INDROL	190	185	190	STOMEDICAL	--	--	--
BSE INDEX	435.70	435.70	437.0	ITC	39	38	39	STEELTUBE	--	--	--
CENTURYSPG	662.50	655	660	ITC CD	--	--	--	TATA PWR	187.50	182.50	187.50
COLGATE	195	194.50	194.50	JK 120	--	--	--	TATACHEM	67	66	65.50
DEEPAKFERT	--	--	--	L AND T	79	77	79	TELCO	365	365	360
DARCIAMENT	--	--	--	MAGNAKARD	--	--	--	UDAIPOSPN	--	--	--
FICOM CORG	--	--	--	MAHINDRA	53	52.50	50.50	VOLTAS	--	280	285

FRANKFURT

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLOSE	STOCK	LAST	PR-CLOSE	NITSUB CP	959	960
AEG	176.0	190.2	AIJINMOTO	3000	3030	MITSUB EL	520	500
ALLIANZ VR	1035.0	1144.0	AKAI ELEC	415	400	MITSUB EST	1570	1520
BADERWERK	179.5	179.5	AKOI	921	921	MITSU HVY	500	495
BAASF	239.0	255.5	ASHAI GAS	1640	1660	MITSUKOSHI	1460	1420
BAFER	250.0	263.8	ASHAI OPT	517	516	MITSUMI EL	1000	989
BAYER HYP	322.0	333.0	BANK TOKYO	1300	1200	NICHICON	1230	1190
BAYER VER	302.0	316.0	BRIDGESTON	1160	1140	NIHON CHNT	700	675
BBC	279.0	280.5	CANON	950	905	NIKKO SEC	1240	1250
BHW	305.0	322.0	CASIO COMP	1140	1100	NIP ELEC	1970	1870
CHENIE-VER	0	120.0	CHUGAI MNG	0	1450	NIP KOKAN	272	267
COMMERZBK	204.5	214.0	CITIZEN W	510	500	NIP OIL	1000	1040
CONTI GUMM	184.0	205.2	O-I-CHI KAN	2660	2710	NIP STEEL	361	359
DAIMER BEH	532.0	575.0	DAI NIP IK	725	695	NIP YUSEN	471	470
DEUTSC BANK	373.5	388.0	DAI NIP IK	2310	2240	NIS MOTOR	717	705
DRESDNER B	222.0	232.0	DAI NIP SC	0	800	NOHWA SEC	2560	2550
DRSDBER B	142.0	153.0	DAI NIP TO	416	411	OHBA CO	906	890
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HOESCH	80.5	90.1	FUJI PHOTO	4020	3900	SEIYU ST	1560	1550
HORTEN	144.0	164.0	FUJISAWA	1770	1750	SEKISUI PB	1510	1520
HUSSEL HLD	404.0	440.0	FUJITA CP	650	640	SHARP	945	921
KALI SALZ	117.0	122.0	HITACHI	1210	1150	SHISEIDO	1400	1420
KARSTADT	405.0	427.0	HONDA MOT	1280	1230	SOMT	4850	4650
KAUHF	390.0	417.2	ISETAN	1250	1260	SUMITOMO	850	870
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NORSE HYD	36.20	36.30	KOMATSU	566	580	TOSHIBA EL	600	560
PHILIP KOM	609.5	617.5	KUBATO LTD	520	520	TOTO	2000	1980
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PWA	155.0	172.5	MAKITA EL	1540	1550	TOYOTA MOT	1810	1790
RHEIN	210.2	209.5	MARUI	2800	2790	YAMAHA	861	848
RHEINMETAL	215.0	241.0	MATSUTA EI	2120	2030	YAMAH	1240	1200
SLAMANDER	269.0	275.0	MATSUTA EL	2050	1950	YANAMUCHI	3800	3800
SCHERING	332.0	353.0	MATSUTA EL	910	910	YANAZAKI	1320	1340
SEL	270.0	283.5						
SIEMENS	340.0	359.0						
TINNSHEH	98.3	104.5						
VARTA	218.0	220.0						
VERA	251.2	260.1						
VEW	163.5	162.5						

GCC citizens can buy shares in Kuwaiti companies

GCC citizens will soon be allowed to purchase shares in Kuwaiti companies, the director-general of Kuwait's stock market, Hesham Al Otaibi, has said.

He told a local newspaper that a distinguished financial committee consisting of representatives of the Stock Market, Commerce and Industry Ministry, Kuwait Investment Authority and the Central Bank, held a meeting recently for laying down the necessary restrictions and conditions. Some were drawn up and sent to the concerned authorities for comment.

The committee will hold another meeting after receiving the replies.

Achievements

He told another local newspaper earlier that the market had made significant achievements during 1987 and these were reflected in the growth and stability of the market.

He said there was an increase in the volume of transactions in 1987 compared to the previous year, and this led to the administration reviewing the clearance, settlements and dealing procedures in order to develop them to suit further increase in activity.

He said the split in Kuwaiti shares was introduced last year and the administration provided the necessary measures to ensure its method's success, including the change of exchange units, setting up a time table for communications, and establishing a data centre to provide all financial and economic information about firms registered at the exchange.

In order to encourage small investors to deal at the exchange, the market administration had prepared a study on the possibility of applying the Investment Funds System which aims at mobilising local savings to the service of the national economy.

He said that the administration, with cooperation of the Kuwait Clearing House, had drawn up a new system for developing the current clearing system.

Services

The market was in touch with the telecommunications and financial data group to render consulting services by setting up a computerised system for dealings and to practice strict control on share prices by the administration.

He disclosed that the administration had prepared a four year working plan commencing this year.

Nigerian industry gets boost in deficit budget

LAGOS, Jan 5. (Reuters): Nigeria's foreign debt had risen by almost 19 per cent to \$23.4 billion by the end of October from the \$19.7 billion reported in September. Finance and Economic Development Minister Chu Okonwu said today.

He was announcing details of a 1988 budget outlined by President Ibrahim Babangida last week, which aims to boost the economy by lifting a four-year wage freeze, expanding bank credit and pumping a special \$600-million payment into transport and infrastructure.

The military government also increased tariff protection for local manufacturers, chiefly the key vehicle assembly plants, and took steps to boost small and medium enterprises.

Okonwu said that, if the budget was implemented soundly, "we will have more visible signs of recovery and growth in 1988."

The government expects 1988 revenues of 15.7 billion naira (\$3.8 billion) compared with expenditure of 24.3 billion naira (\$5.9 billion).

Okonwu said the budget was calculated on a world price for oil of \$16 a barrel, below the OPEC agreed price for Nigeria's crude of nearly \$19. Oil sales represented 77.8 per cent of projected 1988 revenue, he said.

Nigerian economists said the projected budget deficit of 8.6 billion naira (\$2.1 billion) would be funded by domestic borrowing and external loans, chiefly on soft terms from the World Bank and official credit agencies.

Financial analysts said the rise in Nigeria's debt was in line with World Bank and International Monetary Fund estimates.

Lebanese pound slides

BEIRUT, Jan 5. (Reuters): The Lebanese pound closed at 496.00/502.00 against the dollar today compared to the previous 490.00/495.00, the Central Bank said.

Kuwait's monetary policy gives new impetus to economy

THE well-known Kuwaiti financial expert Khalid Abusaud said here yesterday that the linkage between the Kuwaiti dinar and a basket of major international currencies has led to the stability of the dinar within reasonable limits.

Abusaud, in an interview with Kuwait News Agency, also said that Kuwait's monetary and economic plans brought success to the Kuwaiti economy, internally and externally.

Abusaud is a famous personality whose statements are seriously taken among international financial experts.

Success

Kuwait's external investments, the expert told Kuna, achieved continued success because of Kuwaiti policies that kept investments from weakening

because of current market crises.

"Under current unstable markets, the best financial policy should be based on a basket of major currencies," Abusaud stressed.

Asked to speculate on the current condition of the US dollar, he said the deteriorating value of the dollar will most likely continue for several weeks unless the seven industrial countries meet to forge a new policy that puts an end to the situation.

Meanwhile, Abusaud predicted that there will probably be an agreement of an exchange rate of the dollar ranging between 1.6 to 1.7 of the German mark and 125 to 140 of the Japanese yen.

At closing in New York yesterday, the dollar stood at 1.59 of the mark and at 123 for the yen.

"Since the cancellation of Britain Woods' agreement of 1971, the world has been operating without a stable monetary order for exchange rates," said the expert in what appeared to be a complaint against current trends of the market.

Plunged

"The possibility of further deterioration is very likely unless the seven industrial nations agree on certain limits for exchange rates similar to the Louvre agreement of February 1986," he added.

Since that agreement, the dollar plunged about 42 percent against the yen and 40 percent against the mark.

Abusaud said he believed the dollar was undervalued and expected the Group of Seven to agree to make it

fluctuate between 125-140 yen and 1.60-1.70 Deutsche mark, which translates into the Kuwaiti currency at a range between 270-280 fils.

Accord

But he said that any accord between G-7 would not necessarily be better than previous such agreements because it would be tailored to the interests of the seven industrial nations only.

He noted that a further slip of the dollar or even if the US currency maintained its current level would hurt the economies of the other industrial nations which would find it harder to export and therefore start to have trade balance problems.

Raw materials would be another casualty because they are priced in dollars, he said.

Share prices soar

Key nations renew dollar rescue

LONDON, Jan 5. (Reuters): Central banks of the United States, Canada and Europe hit money markets with snap dollar purchases today and drove the US currency higher in a concerted bid to rescue it from historic lows touched at New Year.

France also cut key interest rates. Wall Street soared on the back of the rebounding dollar, as did shares in London and elsewhere in Europe.

Recovered

The dollar recovered most of the loss in value it suffered in a pre-Christmas tumble when anxiety about the US economy drove it down to its lowest since World War Two.

"The central banks really took the market by surprise," said the chief spot dealer of a large US bank in Frankfurt. "If their aim was to unsettle the markets, it really worked," said a senior trader at another American bank.

The dollar touched highs in Europe at 1.6330 Deutsche marks and 127.40 yen, seven per cent and six per cent above historic lows quoted yesterday at 1.5615 marks and 120.20 yen, before easing slightly.

One after the other dealers said, the central banks of the United States, West Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Canada and Austria, and possibly the Bank of

England, piled in and bought dollars today.

The reported intervention by the US Federal Reserve was seen by dealers as an important sign. One reason for the dollar's weakness is a suspicion among investors that the United States is willing to let it slide because that is supposed to correct its huge trade deficit.

Wall Street stocks soared in early trading today and in New York.

Brokers said American investors liked the stronger dollar and were encouraged by rallies on stock markets in Asia and Europe which were themselves fuelled by the dollar rebound.

The main blue-chip gauge, the Dow Jones industrial average, jumped 51 points in early business in New York, going above 2,050.

Higher

London's blue-chip share barometer, the Financial Times Stock Exchange 100-share index, at 1500 GMT was at 1,795.6 which was 48.1 points or 2.75 per cent up on the day so far.

There were gains in stocks in Frankfurt and Paris and elsewhere in Europe, while Tokyo, the biggest stock market, earlier closed 1.67 per cent higher.

The brisk gains in stocks around the world extended a

rally begun early December after the October crash. But the rally bad started in the closing days of 1987 as the dollar fell to its historic lows, weighed down by anxieties about the US economy.

The stock of dollar-earning firms, particularly carmakers like Britain's Jaguar and West Germany's BMW, got off to a flying start in Europe.

The gains in world stock prices extended as rally began early in December after the autumn crash. The rally had faltered in the closing days of 1987 when the dollar nosedived.

Gold lost its sparkle for investors and slipped about \$3 to be fixed in London at \$477.30 an ounce at six week lows. It touched \$500 in mid-December. The dollar was also helped by news that US spending on construction rose 2.2 per cent in November, seen as a positive sign for the economy, and by statements by French government officials about secret clauses in an agreement last month by the Group of Seven leading industrial nations.

Pledged

The accord publicly said they did not want the dollar, down almost 25 per cent in 1987, to keep sliding. News reports said the secret clauses pledged central banks to prop it up.

Since October 16 the dollar has

steadily declined from 1.80 marks. On the first day of 1988's trading, the dollar ended at 1.5855 marks and 122.85 Japanese yen and started today at 1.6045 and 124.75 in London.

The dollar began 1987 worth about 1.90 marks and 160 yen.

Apart from the intervention, yesterday's decision by major Swiss banks to cut the rate on customer time deposits by 1/4 to 1/2 percentage point also encouraged dollar buying.

Many economists expect US trade figures for November, due on January 15, to show a strong improvement on October's record \$17.63 billion shortfall. Signs of a sustained improvement in the US trade deficit would encourage the view that the dollar has fallen enough, dealers said.

Surprise

"If we had a pleasant surprise on the trade and no negative political news out of the US, the potential would be there for 1.68 (marks)," said one London dealer. At this point central banks might intervene to hold the dollar down, he added.

The strong dollar, and a rise in the Dow Jones industrial average on Wall Street yesterday of 76.42 points to break above the 2,000 barrier, were the factors buoying stocks today.

Tokyo's Nikkei stock index

gained 358.24 points to end at 21,575.28.

But it was well below its highs at the end of the day and brokers said afternoon selling was due to a continuing lack of confidence in the dollar.

Sorcer

Hong Kong's share market soared, again helped by the dollar's strength, and the Hang Seng index rose 116.93 points or 5.1 per cent to 2,403.22. Sydney's Australian all-ordinates index was also up.

European markets took the cue and London's key blue-chip barometer, the Financial Times Stock Exchange 100-share index, began a sharp 31.2 points higher at 1,778.7.

At Europe's midday it had

Gains

Paris brokers said the stronger dollar and gains in Wall Street and Tokyo stocks helped French shares higher. The Bourse indicator was up 3.03 per cent at 900 GMT.

German shares also rose strongly with leading blue chip companies up about five per cent in value. Cars, led the advance in Frankfurt, with BMW gaining 7.9 per cent in early business.

The car industry is a big dollar earner and particularly vulnerable to weakness in the US currency.

Khorafi to sign loan pact with Egypt



CAIRO, Jan 5. (Reuters): Kuwait's Finance Minister Jasem Mohammed Al Khorafi arrived in Cairo today for three days of talks with Egyptian officials.

The Middle East News Agency quoted him as saying he would sign a loan agreement to help develop Egyptian pharmaceutical industries.

Kuwait was one of nine Arab states which restored full diplomatic relations with Egypt in November after an eight-year break over its 1979 peace treaty with Israel.

President Hosni Mubarak will visit Kuwait during a tour of the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) starting on January 9.

Meanwhile, Khorafi is due to arrive in Tokyo on January 20 at the outset of a tour of some Southeast Asian and Pacific nations, official Japanese sources told Kuna today.

After spending three days in Tokyo, his Japanese counterpart Kichiji Miyazawa and the Inter-

national Trade and Industry Minister Hajime Tamura and a courtesy call on Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita, Khorafi will head for Malaysia, Singapore and Australia.

The minister will be accompanied by the board chairman of the Kuwait Investment Authority Dr Fahd Al Rashed and the board members Mohammad Yousif Al Adasi, Yagoub Al Himaidi and Fahd Abdul Rahman Al Bahar.

Japan cuts back Iran oil imports

prices will be set on a monthly basis by agreement with the state-run Iran National Oil Co.

The Japanese ministry reportedly being urged Japanese companies to sharply cut their Iranian oil imports following US pressure.

The United States and France last fall banned all Iranian oil imports, which bit sharply into oil exports of which Iran depends to pay for its 7-year-old war with neighbouring Iraq.

Japan gets half its oil imports through the Gulf, where Iran and Iraq are attacking shipping, including Japanese tankers.

Tokyo currently buys around 200,000 barrels of oil a day from Iraq.

It has been reluctant to antagonise either of the warring states despite US pressure to help isolate Iran politically and economically to force it to the negotiating table to end the war.

products or ran economically was secondary, and often immaterial.

Under the new law, managers at factories responsible for 60 per cent of the country's industrial output will be free to bargain with suppliers and wholesale customers for some products.

Enterprises that succeed will be allowed to keep some of their profits, while those that lose money are liable, in theory at least, to be declared bankrupt and closed.

All civilian production is to be functioning under the new rules known by the Russian term of "khozrachyot," or self-accounting.

Weakened

Economist Nikolai Shmelev, however, said this week that the law on state enterprises has been weakened by conservative bureaucrats trying to "soften" the revolution with pillows."

In an article in the weekly Moscow News, Shmelev said government contracts still account for more than 80 per cent of industrial output, meaning enterprises can negotiate freely on less than 20 per cent of their products.

S. Korean economy growing

SEOUL, Jan 5. (AP): The South Korean economy grew at an annual average of 10.1 per cent in the last five years, the Bank of Korea said today. The rate is among the highest growth rates in the world.

The central bank, in an analysis of South Korean and world economies, said the South Korean growth rate surpassed Taiwan's 9 per cent, Hong Kong's 7.3 per cent and Singapore's 4.7 per cent for the same period.

The five-year South Korean performance also compared with 3.6 per cent from Japan, 3.5 per cent for the United States and 3.1 per cent for Britain, it said.

The South Korean economy was estimated to have grown at least 12.6 per cent in 1987 alone, the biggest since 1977, when the growth rate reached 15 per cent, the bank said.

The country's Gross National Product totalled \$95.1 billion in 1986, ranking 18th in the world, the bank said. The country's 1987 GNP — its total output of goods and services — was estimated at \$118 million.

According to figures released by the bank, the United States topped the world's 1986 GNP list with \$4.2 trillion.

AI Wattari calls for joint Arab energy policy

BAGHDAD, Jan 5. (Opec): The follow-up committee for the fourth Arab energy conference due here from March 14 to 17 this year has approved the programme of action of the energy conference which will discuss issues relating to Arab energy resources.

During its meeting here yesterday, the committee also recommended the organisation of a specialised seminar to discuss the

INFOCUS

The world

RIOT police enter Fremanda prison early yesterday after 130 rioting prisoners had held five hostages overnight. The prisoners surrendered later in the day and released their hostages unharmed. (Reuter wirephoto)



A PHOTOGRAPH of German hostage Rudolf Cordes delivered along with a statement by the Freedom Strugglers to an international news agency in West Beirut on Monday. The Freedom Strugglers said the fate of their captive is linked to that of a Lebanese Shi'ite Muslim who stands on trial in West Germany. (Reuter wirephoto)

AN undated file photo of West German Siegfried Welpuetz, a consular clerk at the West German Embassy in Paris, who was shot and fatally wounded on a deserted footbridge over the River Seine in central Paris early Monday morning. (Reuter wirephoto)



BRITISH Junior Foreign Minister David Mellor and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres (right) meet on Monday after Mellor toured the Jabalya refugee camp in the Gaza Strip. (Reuter wirephoto)

ARAB students wave Palestinian flags and portraits of Yasser Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, during a demonstration outside the Israeli Embassy in suburban Manila yesterday to protest against violence in Israeli-occupied territories of Gaza and the West Bank. (Reuter wirephoto)



THREE young British royals indulged their fantasies on a vintage 1936 fire engine after attending church at Sandringham, Norfolk, on Sunday. In their first public appearance of 1988, Peter Phillip is at the wheel and Prince William (left) disputes control of the fire-bell with his brother Prince Harry. (Reuter wirephoto)



HOLIDAYMAKERS in many ski resorts in Switzerland are able to use their skis as the first heavy snows begin to fall after an unusually warm spell. (Reuter wirephoto)



FRENCH journalist and photographer Alain Gullio was condemned to a ten year prison term on Monday in Kabul after entering Afghanistan illegally with Muslim rebels. Gullio, seen in this undated photo from a previous voyage, was taken prisoner by Afghan government forces on September 12, 1987, and was charged with harming Afghan interests. (Reuter wirephoto)



BRITISH actress Vanessa Redgrave (right) poses with her actress daughter Joely Richardson and Timothy Dalton, who stars in the latest James Bond movie, to promote the Eugene O'Neill play "A Touch of the Poet" on Monday. The three star in the play which opens later this month at the Young Vic theatre. (Reuter wirephoto)



AN emergency worker assembles a boom on Sunday to be pulled across the Monongahela River in an attempt to stop some two million gallons of fuel that leaked from a collapsed storage tank in Jefferson, Pennsylvania, on Saturday. The spill spread a 16-mile slick over the Ohio River. (Reuter wirephoto)



BRITISH Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher wears a Masai beaded necklace bearing her initials presented to her by women at Isinya in Masailand yesterday during the first full day of her visit to Kenya. (Reuter wirephoto)



AN Iranian frigate steams through the southern Gulf yesterday with the US frigate 'Gallant' travelling alongside in the background. Iranian frigates took a greater role in attacking ships in the Gulf during December but no Iranian attacks have been reported since Christmas day. (Reuter wirephoto)



JORDAN'S King Hussein chats with British opposition Member of Parliament Gerald Kaufman on Monday. The Labour Party Shadow Foreign Secretary also met Jordanian Prime Minister Zeid Al Rifai for talks on unrest in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, which Kaufman visited before arriving in Jordan on Friday. (Reuter wirephoto)

OUTLOOK

By Kathy Cuddihy

NOW that all the seasonal festivities have finished, we can more or less return to routine. I say "more or less" because one consideration prevents us from completely resuming our old habits: New Year Resolutions.

The undertaking always seems so plausible, so noble, at the beginning of January. It doesn't take too long, though, for even the simplest resolution to develop an aura of impossibility. Perhaps they're called New Year resolutions because they're only meant to last while the year is new ... very new.

With such an entrenched tradition, evasion seems unlikely, so here are some categories to guide you along your path of self-denial.

People looking for the easy way out can try the ploy of making ambitious resolutions ... for others: I think you should lift weights every day for an hour, or jog three miles twice a day. Or, why don't you plan the menus a week in advance, then you won't go into a last-minute panic at dinner time wondering what to cook? Unfortunately the tactic seldom enjoys a popular reception — especially with spouses. Beware.

Smartest

It's probably smartest (and safest) to quickly voice your own resolution before someone else starts getting inventive for you. That way you can carefully select your commitments while still maintaining the appearance of active participation. If you promise to do something that can only be achieved in the future, like learning how to swim or writing to long-distance friends more than once a

New year, old resolutions



year, there is more than a fair chance that no one will remember in six months whether or not you have kept your resolution.

Of course, we all know the most common adult resolutions: going on a diet and giving up smoking. They're common because we keep making them year after year ... and breaking them just as regularly. After all the rich food during the holiday period it's certainly not difficult to have thoughts of abstention.

But, as most of us are only too aware, the dedication diminishes long before the waistline does.

Smoking takes a little more discipline, and therefore has a higher failure rate — although maybe the latest scare about radiation poisoning will stimulate stronger adherence to the resolution this year.

A dear but flaky friend confidently announced her resolution to me the other day: "I've decided to get my act together and not procrastinate

anymore." Cute, but very unlikely. When is she going to put her plan into action? Tomorrow...

For myself, I have boldly made two resolutions this year. The first is that I will keep my journal up to date in 1987. So far the vow has gone unbroken, and if the pace continues I won't have to make this year's second resolution next year: to complete my 1986 journal. At last count I have blank pages, spread over a 6-month period, begged to be included in my collection of inane comments.

Quite honestly, I find New Year resolutions nothing more than an amusing social rite. On one day of the year we pinpoint our weakness(es) and promise ourselves and others that we will try to correct the failing(s). This mini-mental purge satisfies our own need to participate in tradition and the need of others to improve us.

But for people who believe that resolutions should not be broken, but don't have the stamina to live up to this lofty ideal, the seemingly harmless custom can bring dismay. For those individuals (and I suspect many will fall into this category) I suggest trying the following approach to New Year resolutions: Don't make 'em, you won't break 'em. Sit back this year and watch everyone else suffer pangs of conscience, feelings of failure, as their resolutions get the better of them. Without such obligations the word "happy" in the familiar greeting "Happy New Year" can have some significance for you.

Happy New Year, readers ... and for those who persist with the ritual, good luck.

By Frederick M. Winship

NEW YORK. (UPI) — "The Queen's Jewels," the first ever catalogue of jewelry belonging to the house of Windsor, is a tribute to the persistence of Leslie Field, an American-born journalist who has adopted Britain as her home.

"I understand that Queen Elizabeth calls me 'the American,' and that disturbs me very much," said the former New Yorker who moved to London in 1971. "Every ounce of me is British. My spiritual home is London. I've always felt that way."

Field, a former editor of Tatler, the British society journal, became interested in the jewelry collection while researching a book published in 1983 about Bendor, the spendthrift Duke of Westminster who kept fashion designer Coco Chanel in gems.

When her publisher, Lord George Weidenfeld, asked her what her next book would be about, she replied, "The Royal Jewels."

He said, "you'll never get permission. Everyone's been trying for 35 years," he said recently while promoting the book (Abrams, 192 pp., \$29.95). "But I'm very stubborn and began to collect information. I knew members of the Royal Family and household and had no trouble getting to the Queen's then press secretary, Michael Shea.

"I told him I wanted to do a book on the continuity of the Royal family as seen through its jewels, pointing out that it would serve as an answer to all those letters from the public requesting information about the Queen's jewelry. He told me it was the only aspect of the queen's life that was strictly personal and private, but he would be glad to make a request for permission.

Word came that permission had been denied, but Field refused to do the hook without royal assent. She renewed her request by writing a personal letter.

"I didn't get a letter but a visit from Shea instead to tell me the Queen had granted me permission to research and write the book and that people in the know at the palace would read the manuscript and make any corrections necessary. Actually, I think the palace hoped I'd go away."

Queen Elizabeth's jewels get a book of their own



The Queen rarely has her jewels reset, preferring them in their original settings no matter how dated.



Queen Elizabeth at a Royal banquet. She never wants to appear ostentatious, says the book.

ceding British queens and jewelry that is personal and is passed to daughters, daughters-in-law and granddaughters. There is also information on jewelry belonging to the various Royal Duchesses that has come to them through Windsor family sources, including its Romanov cousins in Russia.

Field hurries forever the legend that the Duchess of Windsor was given Royal Jewels, particularly an emerald parure, by her husband, the former Edward VIII, in the course of their courtship. The Jewels were said to have been inherited from his grandmother, Queen Alexandra, but she in fact died without a will and he inherited nothing from her, nor did he inherit any jewels from his mother, Queen Mary.

Accounted

I've accounted for all the jewels that belonged to these queens and none of them went to the Duke of Windsor, so the Duchess was correct in her denial that she had been given any Crown Jewellery. So much for "Queen Alexandra's emeralds."

The most interesting aspect of field's book are pictures of various royal personalities wearing the same jewels over the years. There is a portrait of Queen Victoria's mother wearing an amethyst set consisting of a necklace, brooches and earrings in the 1830s and a photograph of Queen Elizabeth wearing them on a state visit to Portugal in 1984.

The result is an account of Queen Elizabeth II's collection of more than 1,000 pieces accompanied by nearly 300 photographs, 85 in full colour. The oldest jewels are pearls that belonged to Mary Queen of Scots and Queen Elizabeth.

Included is the jewelry that has been worn in trust since Queen Victoria's reign for suc-

The Queen rarely has her jewels reset, preferring them in their original settings no matter how dated. She owns only a small amount of modern jewelry, including her engagement ring and a diamond bracelet designed by her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, and state gifts such as the magnificent diamond necklaces from the late Kings Faisal and Khalid of Saudi Arabia.

"The royal family is very superstitious, it seems, and consider opals had luck," Field said. "Queen Elizabeth never wears the ones she has. She also doesn't wear her turquoise. But she likes sapphires and emeralds very much and wears rubies when appropriate, such as her visits to Canada where the national colours are red and white.

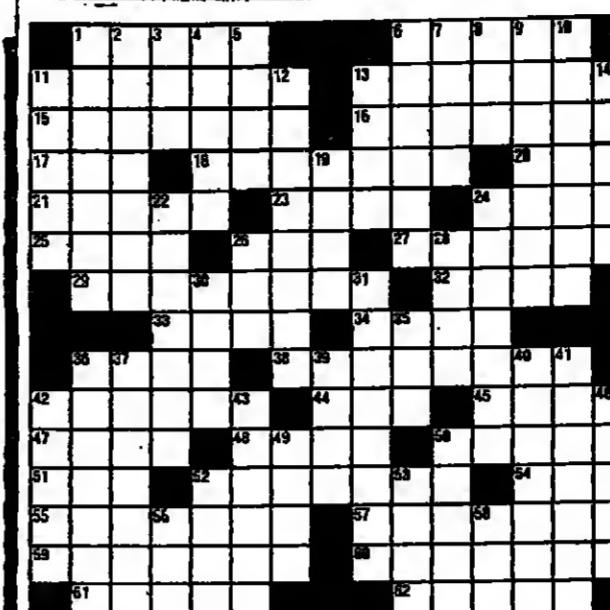
If she's given something she doesn't like, she just puts it away. She never wants to appear ostentatious and she's been given gifts she considers ostentatious. She even considers the Cullinan III and IV diamonds (94.4 carats and 63.6 carats respectively), which form a brooch, too big, and has worn them no more than a half dozen times during her reign."

Are the queen's jewels, worth tens of millions of dollars, insured? Field does not think so.

"The queen is so well guarded it just isn't necessary," she said. "Perhaps when she goes abroad, the foreign office takes care of some coverage of the jewels she takes with her."

Are the Queen's jewels, worth tens of millions of dollars insured? The author does not think so.

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A cross between an art gallery and a film set

Inside the lost world of Stephen Tennant

By Tracy Weeks

HE was the darling of the 1920's, described as exquisite and was rarely out of the gossip columns.

He wore make-up and everything he touched suddenly became fashionable.

Yet, behind Stephen Tennant's artistic genius, wild parties and amazing friendships was a quiet, reclusive man, who was at his happiest writing long letters.

And it shows.

For now, after his death at the age of 81, Tennant's magnificent country home, Wilsford manor and its glittering

contents are for sale.

Inside it is like a cross between an art gallery and a movie set. It is typical Stephen Tennant.

Tennant was one of the great English eccentrics and his dream home was his retreat — a haven where he could enjoy and work on his art. He left the

bouse only once in the last 10 years of his life and hardly anyone saw inside it.

Until now that is...

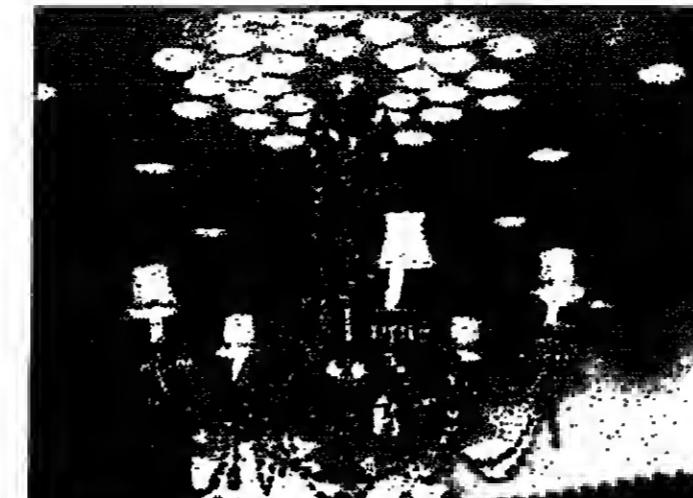
His obsession with shells of all shapes, sizes and colours is obvious from the moment you enter. He even liked shells scattered around the bath to make him think of the sea shore.

The mirror pink bathroom panels painted by Tennant, held memories of music and dance. It had a peaceful-blue ceiling with white doves carrying roses.

Shells littered every room; In the dining room, the pink ceiling was decorated with white shells, which also clung to the picture frame.

Straw hats, ostrich feathers, fake rocco silvered furniture, repainted Regency and commissioned Deco crowded the highly decorative rooms. Bright coloured cushions overload the sofa and a canape and a carved swan turns into a chair.

The collection includes a zebra-skin, polar bear rug, several elaborate and very decorative gilt mirrors, side



One of the ceilings in Tennant's manor adorned with shells.

tables, marble busts, modern British pictures, bronze busts and many books, manuscripts ... of Tennant's unfinished novel, Lascar ... and photographs.

Many of the books were presented to Tennant by his friends, with inscriptions and verses by his lover Siegfried Sassoon, Cecil Beaton, Rex Whistler, Edith Sitwell and Stephen Spender. The most valuable book is 20 volumes of Reeve's Conchologia Iconica, a complete 19th century repertory of shells, with hand-coloured lithographed plates.

The contents of Wilsford, situated near Salisbury, Wilts, shire is likely to reach more than £250,000.

The house is thought to be worth almost as much. For the buyer will not only be purchasing a house, but also a part of history.

During the 1920s and 30s, he hosted numerous artistic and literary parties. Among his guests were Cecil Beaton, Rex Whistler, war poet and author Siegfried Sassoon, the Sitwells, the Mitfords, Virginia Woolf — to name but a few.

He had inherited the house from his mother, Pamela Tennant, an internationally celebrated society beauty. Stephen had inherited her good

looks and her passion for poetry and at an early age he illustrated her anthologies.

He also had a strong sense of adventure, which showed in his paintings and writing of which a few will be included in the auction.

He inherited Wilsford manor after his mother's death and quickly turned it into his own paradise. During the Second World War it was requisitioned by the Red Cross for a time ... but it already had Tennant's unique flavour to it.

The English garden was taken over by fountains, palm trees and statues, including 18th century classical marble

busts on columns, which were found hidden in the undergrowth during excavation work.

He remained there until his death, preferring his world of vibrant colours instead of the 'ugly realities of the post-war world.'

Despite his friend Siegfried Sassoon's harrowing experiences during the First World War the couple found comfort in each other. Through shared interests their relationship soon turned to love.

Together they loved to dress up in fancy costumes wearing pink wigs and satin suits.

It was a life almost as colourful as his love.



A Cecil Beaton photograph of Stephen Tennant with a bronze bust carved by Sir Jacob Epstein.

The ornate bed in which the eccentric lay dying during the post-war years.

By Marilyn Hoffman

LONDON — "What goes round, comes round," say English antique dealers, explaining that this country's abundant supply of antiques keeps recycling and resurfacing through thousands of shops, auction galleries, street markets, and antique fairs.

Both the prestigious Grosvenor House and Burlington House fairs attracted international dealers and audiences this season, and both reported unprecedented commercial and artistic successes.

Smaller antique fairs continue to proliferate, particularly those being held in local hotels and shopping malls. These have sprung up in every part of the country, nurturing a revived interest in collecting and a greater awareness of style and quality.

The market flow of antiques is not only internal, but in and out of the country, as well.

The British Information Office reports that in 1986, antiques (furnishings, paintings, silver, etc., more than 100 years old) exported from England amounted to a total of (\$TR) 300 million (about \$496 million).

The imports of antiques from other countries into England, for the same period, totaled (\$TR) 17.89 million (about \$295 million). Almost one-third of these imports were from the United States.

Sotheby's auction house, headquartered in London, announced a record \$1.3 billion in worldwide sales for the 1986-87 season that ended Aug. 31.

Christie's International auction house in London announced worldwide sales of \$900 million for the same season, a growth of nearly 50 per cent in pounds sterling over the year before.

"Heightened demand and the increasing scarcity of superb art have driven prices for many artists to all-time highs," chairman John Floyd commented.

"All the indications are that as long as the major world

Heightened demand for English antiques



A small and rare Queen Anne bureau cabinet.

economies maintain their current momentum, England will remain an international centre for art and antiques, the auction sales rooms will flourish, and antique dealers will keep in high style," the Financial Times of London reports.

At the recent Burlington House Fair held in the Royal Academy of Arts, some of the 65 exhibitors admitted that, as top-quality objects became harder to find, they considered themselves fortunate when

they could buy back pieces from old customers.

Harriet Wynter, a dealer in antique scientific instruments, remarked that prices of old scientific instruments had skyrocketed and that one of her best sources were the customers to whom she had sold instruments many years ago.

"When they get ready to upgrade their collections, or sell them, they come back to me, and I am grateful," she said. "I have resold one instrument."

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Thomas Crispin, a well-known dealer who is an authority on 17th-century English oak furniture, concurs. "I don't see my sources drying up for years to come," he says, "because when anyone, including my own customers, has good old oak to sell, they usually think of me. There is always demand for mellow 17th-century oak pieces. English people buy them for their country houses. They add character."

Owners of the Brod Gallery, London specialists in Dutch and French Old Master paintings, declared, "When we sell an Old Master painting, it is difficult to replace it with one of equal quality. We depend on contacts with old clients and collectors, who hopefully will remember us when they think of selling. Today there is a much higher demand for quality than ever before. And the expertise for establishing quality is much greater now."

"Every year the number of serious collectors increases, and they are buying really good things," says Brian Haughton, a London porcelain dealer and founder of the International Ceramics Fair held here in June and the International Silver and Jewellery Fair coming up at the Dorchester Hotel here Jan. 29 through Feb. 1, 1988. "There is much more money around now. And British museums are now buying again, too, after a quiet few years. Everybody, of course, is searching for the perfect piece, and poor-quality things you can't give away."

"Sure, we would buy back any great piece, because the market for it grows ever more competitive. So much porcelain was made in England that I think we will always have sources. And just when I might think the supply might be dwindling a bit, another great country-house sale comes along, and wonderful pieces come out from behind the wainscoting."

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The Christian Science Monitor.

Art survives in Haiti despite uncertainty

By Phil Davison

PORTE-AU-PRINCE, (Reuters): Raymond Oliver, a renowned Haitian impressionist, shuffled around his dust-covered Port-Au-Prince gallery and shrugged.

"In 1980, I would sell \$10,000 worth of paintings in one week. Now, I can sit here for two weeks without anyone walking through my door," said the painter.

Two years of political unrest and economic crisis in Haiti have kept away foreign dealers, collectors and tourists and made it harder for artists like Oliver, known for his palette-knife works, to buy their expensive materials.

Amid a growing reign of terror by right-wing gunmen, moreover, some painters have fled Haiti and others are concerned that their works or collections could be destroyed.

The home of one artist was burned in February 1986, the month that President Jean-Claude Duvalier was toppled.

Art sales in the Caribbean nation had already tumbled, as tourism dropped because of the relatively high incidence of AIDS in Haiti.

But though hard pressed to sell their works, artists such as Oliver and primitive artist Calixte Henry, the third generation of a Haitian "renaissance," dating back four decades, continue to paint.

Haitian art boomed commercially in the 1940s, but its roots go back centuries, starting with the hieroglyphics of the aboriginal Arawak Indians.

Then came the African tribal influence, notably the voodoo beliefs brought by the French colonials' slaves.

Renaissance

The French suppressed native and slave art but after the country won its independence in 1804 — becoming the world's first black republic — Afro religions merged with Catholicism to become the major inspiration of painters and sculptors.

Most paintings of the 18th and 19th centuries were done to decorate thatched-roof mud huts but some were artworks in their own right, such as Desroches' "View of the Palace of Sans Souci," dating from around 1814.

The first generation of Renaissance painters, from around 1945-55, also gave rise to the tradition of gaily-painted 'tap-tap' houses, the main form of public transport in the bustling capital of Port-Au-Prince.

The tap-taps are themselves

works of primitive art, usually

carrying biblical scenes but

occasionally such subjects as

Argentine soccer hero Diego Maradona in colourful action.

The second Renaissance generation ran from around 1956-72, when styles were developing without a view to sales. Among the notables was Salnave Philippe-Auguste, whose

exotic deep green jungles, often

depicted sunbeams on white-

veiled women or doves.

His paintings, such as "Men With Bulls" reflect his own life

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Haitian artist Raymond Oliver works on an impressionistic portrait of a young girl. Political unrest and an economic slump are driving foreign art dealers and collectors away.

as gifts to other world leaders and friends.

The diminutive, moustachioed artist said in a recent interview.

"The Duvalier repression helped give rise to the explosion of Haitian art," he said. "Artists found that the only way to express the traditional sun, joy and dancing was through pain-

ing."

Sitting on a wicker chair near eight newly-started canvases in his gallery, Oliver reminisces of the time an English collector spent \$70,000 in one visit to him and other artists about 10 years ago.

"Now it is totally dead," he says.

Behind him hang scores of works by himself, his friend Calixte Henry, 54, and up-and-coming painters such as student Hilome Jose.

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SPORTS**NBA ROUNDUP**

76ers and Cavaliers score easy victories

NEW YORK, Jan 5. (AP): Roundup of National Basketball Association games played last night:

76ers 122, Suns 114
Cliff Robinson scored 31 points and Charles Barkley added 28 to lead Philadelphia to a 122-114 victory over the Phoenix Suns, snapping the 76ers' five-game losing streak.

The 76ers led 36-26 with 42 seconds remaining in the first period in the game at Philadelphia. But Robinson led a 23-7 run with 10 points to give Philadelphia a 49-43 lead and Phoenix never got closer than five points after that.

Eddie Johnson led Phoenix with 27 points. Suns forward James Bailey was ejected from the game with 7:41 to go after getting into a shoving match with Philadelphia's Tim McCormick.

Cavaliers 122, Nuggets 101
Brad Daugherty came off the bench to score 25 points and Marle Price added 23 as the Cleveland Cavaliers coasted to a 122-101 victory over Denver.

A 24-4 Cleveland run, including 10 by Price, gave the Cavaliers a 38-20 lead late in the first quarter in the game at Richfield, Ohio. Denver rallied to within 50-47 midway through the second quarter, but a 19-6 spurt by the Cavaliers gave them a 69-53 halftime lead and they were never seriously threatened the rest of the way.

Mike Evans paced Denver with 28 points, hitting six of 11 three-point shots.

Celtics 107, Jazz 99
Larry Bird scored 28 points and Danny Ainge added 20, including six 3-point goals, to lead the Boston Celtics to a 107-99 victory over the Utah Jazz.

Kevin McHale had 24 points for the Celtics, who had to come from behind in the fourth quarter in the game at Salt Lake City.

One minute into the final period, Utah held an 85-79 lead. But the Celtics went on a 19-5 run and held a 98-90 advantage with 4:53 remaining.

Karl Malone led Utah with 25 points and Mel Turpin came off the bench to score 22.

Lakers 133, Spurs 115

James Worthy scored 23 points and Byron Scott added 21 as the Los Angeles Lakers defeated the San Antonio Spurs 133-115 for their 11th consecutive victory. The Lakers' streak is the longest in the NBA this season and their 22-6 record is the best in the NBA.

The Lakers led 47-46 with 5:15 remaining in the first half when Kareem Abdul-Jabbar blocked Greg Anderson's dunk shot attempt by reaching through the hoop with his left hand. No goaltending was called despite vehement protests by the Spurs' players and coaches.

Los Angeles then outscored by the Spurs 12-2 over the next 3:26 to take a 59-48 lead in the game at Inglewood, California. The Spurs were able to close to 69-63 early in the third quarter, but the Lakers outscored San Antonio 16-3 for an 85-66 lead.

Butt triumph

BUTT Cricket Club scored a 46-run victory over New Friends Club in a Pak Sarhad Tournament match at the Kharan Ground on Friday.

Butt batted first and scored 159 in the 25 allotted overs. The mainstay of their batting was Naem Chand who hammered 45 runs to help his team put on a respectable total.

In reply, New Friends Cricket Club were all out for 113. They were unable to cope with the line and length shown by the Butt bowlers.

Zia and Rafiq hammer centuries

CENTURIES by Zia (102) of Kokan, Rafiq Butt (100) of Unity, followed by some fine bowling performances from Tejinder (5 for 12) of Capri and Qayum (4 for 18) of Starlite were the highlights of this week's Al Mulla Mitsubishi League matches played in Ahmedabad this week.

In the first match on Friday morning, Capri scored an easy 10-wicket victory over Wings. Wings, batting first, were bowled out for only 96 runs. Tejinder took five wickets for Capri.

Required

An unbroken 97-run first-wicket partnership between Tauseef and Adnan enabled Capri to get the required runs for victory. Tauseef scored 48 while Adnan was also unbeaten on 47.

In the other match on Friday, Kokan beat Falcon by 99 runs. Zia of Kokan led the onslaught by the batsmen hitting 102 as his team put on 212 for the loss of six wickets in the 30 allotted overs. Ibrar scored 28 and Javed 23.

For Falcon, Amin and Ayub

KOHDÉ-KILSCH BEATS WASSERMAN**Unseeded Flur stuns Masur**

SYDNEY, Australia, Jan 5. (AP): Unseeded American Marc Flur pulled off the first upset of the New South Wales Open tennis tournament today when he eliminated Australian Davis Cup player Wally Masur.

Flur, ranked 134th in the world, held the edge over the 36th-ranked Australian, seeded second in tournament, almost from the start of their match. Masur had obvious difficulty with the grass surface of the center court. He was broken early in the first set and never recovered as Flur won 6-4, 6-4.

Australian John Fitzgerald, the fifth seed for the \$123,400 event, beat American Richard Schmidt 3-6, 7-5, 6-3.

In women's play, with a purse of \$200,000, the top seeds advanced.

Second-seeded Helena Sukova of Czechoslovakia ousted Australian Rachel McQuillan 7-5, 6-2, and No. 3 Claudia Kohde-Kilsch of West Germany eliminated Belgium's Sandra Wasserman 6-3, 6-2.

Results
Men's singles: first round:
Marc Flur, US, def. Wally Masur, Australia (2), 6-4, 6-4;



Sukova: overcame McQuillan

Peter Doohan, Australia (4), def. Gianluca Pozzi, Italy, 7-6 (7-4), 6-7 (3-7), 6-3; Darren Cahill, Australia (6), def. Paul Chamberlain, US, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3; Alexander Volkov, Soviet Union, def.

Rick Leach, US, 7-6 (9-7), 7-5; Chris Pridham, Canada, def. Tony Minoh, Nigeria, 7-6 (9-7), 7-6 (7-5).

Women's singles: first round:
Hester Witvoet, Netherlands,

def. Sharon Walsh-Pete, US, 6-3, 6-1; Patty Fendick, US, def. Nicole Provis, Australia, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4; Jana Novotna, Czechoslovakia (12), def. Julie Richardson, New Zealand, 7-6 (7-4), 6-4; Betsy Nagelsen, US, def. Louise Field, Australia, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3; Jo Durie, Britain, def. Marianne Werdel, US, 6-4, 6-1; Belinda Cordwell, New Zealand, def. Ann de Vries, Belgium, 6-2, 6-2.

Women's singles: second round:

Helena Sukova, Czechoslovakia (2), def. Rachel McQuillan, Australia, 7-5, 6-2; Claudia Kohde-Kilsch, West Germany (3), def. Sandra Wasserman, Belgium, 6-3, 6-2; Jn Durie, Britain, def. Marianne Werdel, US, 6-4, 6-1; Anne Miller, Australia (10), def. Lisa O'Neill, Australia, 6-1, 6-4; Wiltrud Probst, West Germany, def. Tina Mochizuki, US, 6-3, 6-2; Christiane Joallais, Switzerland, def. Heather Ludloff, US, 7-6 (10-8), 1-6, 6-2; Ann Henricksson, US, def. Masako Yanagi, Japan, 7-6 (4-6, 6-4); Catarina Lindqvist, Sweden (5), def. Janine Thompson, Australia, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.



Krishnan: crushed Benhabiles

Lundgren and Krishnan score contrasting wins

AUCKLAND, Jan 5. (Reuter): Peter Lundgren of Sweden, the top seed, dropped his first two service games before scoring an emphatic 6-3, 6-4 first-round win over American Dan Cassidy in the Auckland Grand Prix tennis tournament today.

Lundgren lost the first game despite serving three aces, retrieved the break immediately but was broken again in the third game.

But from then on, the world's 27th-ranked player kept a firm hold on the match, taking charge of the second set when he won four games in a row.

Ramesh Krishnan of India, who won the Grand Prix event in Wellington last week, took only 68 minutes to advance to the second round, beating Frenchman Tarik Benhabiles 6-0, 6-4.

Second-seeded Amos Mansdorf also won comfortably against strong-serving Japanese player Shuzo Matsouka. He was beaten by seven aces but won 6-3, 6-4.

Results
Men's singles, first round:

Christian Bergstrom (Sweden) beat Mangus Gustafsson (Sweden), 6-2, 6-2; Broderick Dyke (Australia) beat Brett Steven (New Zealand), 6-3, 6-4; Amos Mansdorf beat Shuzo Matsouka (Japan), 6-3, 6-4; Ramesh Krishnan (India) beat Tarik Benhabiles (France), 6-0, 6-4; Michiel Schapers (Netherlands) beat Claudine Pistoletti (Italy), 6-3, 6-2; Peter Lundgren (Sweden) beat Dan Cassidy (US), 6-3, 6-4; Dan Goldie (US) beat Alexander Mronz (West Germany), 6-4, 6-1; Jeremy Bates (Britain) beat Bill Scanlon (US), 6-3, 6-3; Jim Pugh (US) beat Mark Woodforde (Australia), 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Men's doubles, first round:

Jonas Svensson and Magnus Tidemand (Sweden) beat Kelly Jones and Todd Nelson (US), 6-4, 6-2; Tim Wilkinson and Todd Witsken (US) beat Bruce Derlin (New Zealand) and Damir Keretic (West Germany), 6-1, 6-2; Christian Saceanu and Carsten Stech (West Germany) beat Omar Camporese and Paolo Cane (Italy), 7-6 (7-1), 6-2.

Vatanen comes home first on special stage

Andrew Cowan could manage only seventh after taking a wrong turn.

Competitors have now completed five stages, but only El Oued to Hassi Messoud stage was competitive.

Leading provisional standings after five stages:

1. Ari Vatanen (Finland) Peugeot one hour 56 mins 41 secs.

2. Pierre Lariguet (France) Mitsubishi two mins 34 secs behind.

3. Patrick Zaniroli (France) Range Rover at 14:29.

4. Patrick Tambay (France) Range Rover 15:42.

5. Juha Kankkunen (Finland) Peugeot 19:1.

Meanwhile the organisers of the rally said today they extended the time limit for finishing the first African stage of the race after more than one-third of the field was delayed by mechanical problems or desert sands.

Nearly 200 of the competitors failed to reach this Saharan town last night in regulation time after a 594-kilometre stage from El Oued in eastern Algeria. Of the 585 drivers who left El Oued yesterday morning, only 387 made it here by the time limit.

"This conforms to our predictions," organiser Gilbert Sabine said. "We knew this stage would be pitiful. And it was."

Penalty

The problems were so severe that organisers decided to extend the time limit into this afternoon for the finish of yesterday's leg, but assess a 10-hour penalty for the late arrivals.

It was not immediately known how many competitors would be able to continue with today's 608-kilometre drive to Bordj Omar Driss.

"My turns were terrible. I think I swam better than both those ahead of me but they beat me on the turns," she said.

Good

Her Australian Open rivals Navratilova, ranked second in the world, and Chris Evert, ranked third, will play an exhibition match on Friday.

Norwegian Kristiansen, world record holder for both the 15-kilometre and the marathon, tops the list of 300 athletes to contest the \$13,000 road run on Sunday.

Kristiansen's rivals include Australian Lisa Martin, Priscilla Welch of Britain, Nancy Ditz and Sylvia Mosqueda, both of the United States, and New Zealanders Lorraine Moller and Alison Roe.

Sirch destroys top class swim field

ADELAIDE, Jan 5. (Reuter): East German backstroker Corinna Sirch destroyed a top-flight field to win the 200 metres by almost a second in the second leg of an international swimming series today.

Sirch, 22, touched in two minutes 12.64 seconds, ahead of Aneta Patraszou of Romania.

Australia's Nicole Livingstone was third and was pleased to have swum about two seconds faster than she planned but felt her turns let her down.

"My turns were terrible. I think I swam better than both those ahead of me but they beat me on the turns," she said.

Good

World record holder Tamara Cosciac of Romania, after clocking 25.94 seconds in the 50 metres freestyle in Perth, swam another good time of 26.06 to beat Kristin Otto of East Germany and Livia Copariu of Romania.

talled at positions in the saddle — venue of the ice hockey competition — to protect commentators from unruly spectators.

Organising committee spokeswoman Rene Smith confirmed ABC's request for more protection for commentators.

And she said of the bullet-proof glass: "I think they're concerned about stray bullets and ricochets."

Yet the Cammore commentary booth is set well back from the shooting range directly behind firing positions and spectator terracing.

They also want plexiglass ins-

Yugoslavia becomes 131st country to join Games

SEOUL, South Korea, Jan 5. (AP): Yugoslavia has formally entered this year's Seoul Olympics, becoming the third European country to confirm its participation in the Summer Games, the Seoul Olympic organizing committee said today.

Yugoslavia's decision in late December to send athletes to Seoul followed announcements by East Germany and Hungary on Dec 21 that they would send teams to South Korea.

Yesterday, Marat Gramov, chairman of the Soviet Sports Committee and chief of the National Olympic Committee, said, "we do not intend to announce their participation soon, they said.

Evergreen brush aside Rangers

EVERGREEN put up a stunning performance when it outclassed Rangers by 135 runs to enter the final of India Teaboard Trophy at the EPI ground on Friday.

Evergreen, after winning the toss batted first and opened through Naeem and Ejaz but met with immediate disaster when the former was bowled by Nasir on the first ball of the second over for only two.

Ejaz miscued a shot and was caught at extra-cover by Sarmad off Sajid Raza for 19. Next batsman Jawaid Masood did not last long and was out for only three. When Sajid bad Razzaq caught behind for 25, Evergreen were tottering at 60 for four and

runs respectively. Nasir and Bitu Singh took two wickets each.

Rangers, facing an uphill task of scoring 262 runs for victory were all out for 126 runs in 29 overs. Adnan, opening the innings with Sajid, was the top scorer with 47 runs. Sajid Raza (20), Zia (25) and Bitu Singh (22) were the only other batsmen who could get into double figures.

For Evergreen, veteran Jawaid Masood stole the limelight by capturing five wickets after giving away only 26 runs in eight overs. He was ably supported by Asad Baig who took two wickets in consecutive balls for 27 and Zabid, who chipped in with three scalps after giving away 21 runs.

For Rangers, Sajid and Sharma both took three wickets each after giving away 40 and 30

on Saturday.

In the first game, Unity were given a good start by their openers, Rafiq (100) and Bader (98), who put on 193 runs for the first wicket. Unity went on to score 231 for 27 in 27 overs.

Al Mulla Cricket Club, unperturbed by this score, fought back through Nader (66), Abid (29) and Jamil (39) but could only reach 203 for the loss of five wickets to lose the match by 28 runs. Chris took three wickets for 28 runs in the first over.

In the Saturday afternoon match, Starlite beat Union by six wickets. Union, batting first, were dismissed for 144 with Arshad scoring (28) Nawazish (20) and Nadeem (17). Quyyum produced a match winning spell of 56, Mansoor 22 and Iftekhar 27, Ruffai did the most damage claiming three wickets for 32 runs.

Starlite reached the victory target for the loss of

SPORTS

SPORTS BRIEFS

Imran Khan

LAHORE, Pakistan, Jan. 5. (Reuter): Pakistani students threatened today to go on hunger strike to force Imran Khan to resume the captaincy of the national cricket team. If a planned demonstration and march failed, four members of the "Bring back Imran Khan action committee," would hold a 24-hour hunger strike on January 11 and the following day four more would start a fast to the death, the students said.

Johan Cruyff

THE HAGUE, Jan. 5. (Reuter): Johan Cruyff wants to return to Ajax Amsterdam, despite his surprise resignation as manager of the Dutch club in contract dispute, a close associate said today. "He undoubtedly wants to return ... his heart is with Ajax," said Co Greep, a leading sports doctor who has in the past helped to mediate in contract talks involving Cruyff.

Title fight

BONN, Jan. 5. (Reuter): The European lightweight boxing title fight between champion Gert B. Jacobsen of Denmark and West German challenger Rene Weller has been put back from February 6 to March 5, Weller said today.

1988 Games

SOFIA, Jan. 5. (Reuter): Bulgaria and Poland said today they will compete in the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, reducing still further the likelihood of another communist-led boycott of the Summer Games.

Mexican team

HAMBURG, West Germany, Jan. 5. (Reuter): Guenther Bosch, former coach of ex-Wimbledon champion Boris Becker, said today he is to prepare the Mexican team for their Davis Cup first-round tie with Australia next month.

Fifa chief

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 5. (Reuter): Fifa president Joao Havelange yesterday urged government officials to put an end to hooliganism at soccer stadiums, saying referees can deter the violence on the field, but never off it.

Cup quarterfinal

BONN, Jan. 5. (Reuter): The first leg of the UEFA Cup quarterfinal tie between Bayer Leverkusen and Barcelona will be staged in Cologne, the West German club said today.

Welsh bid

ZURICH, Jan. 5. (Reuter): A bid by Wales to change the qualifying rules for the four-team European groups in the 1990 World Cup has failed to gain the support it needed to force an alteration.

John Wark

LONDON, Jan. 5. (Reuter): Former Scotland international John Wark rejoined Ipswich from English First Division leaders Liverpool yesterday for a fee believed to be in the region of £100,000 (\$187,000).

Track record

DAYTONA BEACH, Florida, Jan. 5. (AP): Nearly perfect weather for turbochargers helped Mauro Baldi of Italy better the track record at Daytona International Speedway during road course testing yesterday.

Bayern Munich

MUNICH, West Germany, Jan. 5. (Reuter): Bayern Munich, West German champions for the past three years, said today they have re-signed former assistant trainer Egon Coordes to help them after a disappointing first half of the season.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5. (AP): The Chicago Bears will be looking for revenge when they play the Washington Redskins in the National Football League playoffs on Sunday.

Last season, the Redskins beat the Bears 27-13 in advancing in the National Football conference championship game.

Expect

The Bears, who were defending Super Bowl champions at the time, played like stars that day but expect to play better in the rematch, mainly because team leader Jim McMahon will be back at quarterback. Doug Flutie directed Chicago's offense in last year's playoff loss, while McMahon was recovering from surgery.

McMahon hasn't played since Dec. 6, when he suffered a pulled hamstring during the Bears-Vikings game. But he is scheduled to start Sunday at Chicago's Soldier Field.

"With McMahon in there, it

RICHARDS GOES ON RAMPAGE TO SECURE VICTORY

West Indies sweep aside India

RAJKOT, India, Jan. 5. (Reuter): Viv Richards hammered India's bowling for an unbeaten century today to lead West Indies to a six-wicket victory in the fourth one-day international.

Richards hit 110 as West Indies took a 3-1 lead in their eight-match series, hymaking 222 for four in 40.1 overs in reply to India's 221 for seven in 43 overs.

The match looked evenly poised at the start of the last 10 overs of the 43-overs-a-side match, with West Indies needing 72 runs to win on a placid pitch against effective spin bowling.

Dismay

But Richards tore into the left arm spin of Indian captain Ravi Shastri for three sixes in the 35th over to the dismay of some 25,000 spectators crammed the stadium.

Shastri, who had given away just 30 runs in his first eight overs, saw his first ball to Richards sail out of the ground, quickly followed by another six into the stands and a third over the boundary in a memorable display of aggressive batsmanship.

Richards reached his century in 75 balls by lofting W.V. Raman, a 24-year-old left arm spinner and batsman, made 95 in only his second appearance for



Richards: hammered unbeaten ton

He also hit seven fours in his 77-ball innings.

Raman, a 24-year-old left arm spinner and batsman, made 95 in only his second appearance for

India and had lured Richards into mishitting a delivery when on 35. But Sanjeev Sharma at long on dropped the catch.

Catches played a major part in

Raman's own innings where he escaped three certain dismissals because of sloppy West Indian fielding.

Wicketkeeper David Williams, in his first international, dropped a high catch Ramaspoon over directly over the stumps off a delivery from Eldine Baptiste and at 71 scored another chance to long on.

Eight runs later, Patrick Patterson dropped him at long off. But Patterson gained revenge in the last over of the innings when he got Raman on a delivery to Babuji at mid off. He faced 123 balls and hit six fours.

Besides his hitting prowess, Richards took a smart return catch off his own bowling to dismiss Mohammed Azharuddin just as the Indian was getting into his stylish stride. He had hit 24 runs in 26 balls, with one six.

The West Indian captain ended with three wickets for 42 and predictably won the Man of the Match award.

Scoreboard

INDIA	
K. Srikanth c Williams b Benjamin	32
Arv Lal c Greenidge b Patterson	12
W. Raman c Baptiste b Patterson	95
M. Azharuddin c and b Richards	24
E. Baptiste not out	22
Extras (10-7 w-1)	8
Total (seven wickets — 43 overs)	221

—innings closed

Fall of wickets 1-34 2-69 3-119 4-

151 5-173 6-176 7-124

Did not bat: A. Ayub, S. Sharma.

Bowling: Patterson 8-1-49-2,

Wala 8-0-39-4, Benjamin 9-0-35-1,

Baptiste 9-1-40-0, Richards 8-0-42-3,

Hooper 1-0-0-1.

WEST INDIES

D. Haynes b Raman	49
R. Richardson c Kapil Dev b S. Sharma	27
A. Logie c Vishwanath b Ayub	12
V. Richards not out	116
C. Hooper c Mangrakar b Kapil Dev	11
E. Baptiste not out	11
Extras (10-7 w-1)	8
Total (four wickets — 40.1 overs)	225

Fall of wickets: 1-38 2-77 3-146 4-191.

Did not bat: G. Greenidge, W. Benjamin, C. Walsh, P. Patterson, D. Williams.

Bowling: Kapil Dev 8-1-22-1, S. Sharma 6-0-31-1, A. Sharma 3-0-12-0,

A. Ayub 10-1-55-1, Shastri 9-1-50-0,

Raman 4-0-44-1, Srikanth 0-1-0-4.

Result: West Indies won by six wickets.

First match: West Indies won by 10 runs.

Second match: West Indies won by 52 runs.

Third match: India won by 55 runs.

West Indies lead eight-match series 3-1.

Historic trophy leaving Lord's for Australia

LONDON, Jan. 5. (Reuter): The Ashes, the historic cricket trophy, are leaving Lord's for the first time for 60 years to be displayed at the bicentennial Test between Australia and England starting in Sydney on January 29.

A statement issued by MCC today said the four-inch-high urn would be sent to Sydney "provided secure transport" could be arranged. The trophy is being insured for around £70,000 (\$129,500).

Comment

MCC secretary John Stephenson would not comment on reports that Prince Charles would take the Ashes with him when he flew to Australia on January 24 to attend the country's 200th birthday celebrations.

The Ashes were presented to MCC in 1928 by Lady Darnley, widow of Ivo Bligh, who captained the England team which beat Australia in Australia in 1883. The Ashes of a burnt stump had been given to him as a "memento of English cricket," placed in a newspaper following England's defeat by Australia in a home series the previous year.

The MCC statement said: "As a goodwill gesture, the MCC committee has agreed to loan the urn containing the Ashes to the organisers of the Australia-England Test match in Sydney on January 29-February 2. This is provided secure transport arrangements to and from Australia can finally be arranged."

"The New South Wales Cricket Association was guaranteed the security of the Ashes urn while it is in Australia." The British museum is under



Undated file picture of 'The Ashes.' (Reuters wirephoto)

to have agreed to pack the urn, the high valuation of which is based on its historic position in cricket.

"The Ashes are part of cricket's great tradition and are irreplaceable. You cannot really put a value on history but for insurance purposes we have had to," said Stephenson.

Soviet decision

BONN, Jan. 5. (UPI): A senior West German Foreign Ministry official praised today the Soviet decision to take part in the Olympics in Seoul.

Kiwis take Sri Lankans to task

SYDNEY, Jan. 5. (Reuter): Ewen Chatfield for once upstaged bowling partner Richard Hadlee as New Zealand beat Sri Lanka by six wickets today to go top of the World Series Cup cricket table.

Chatfield, whose steady seam bowling has gained little recognition during his long association with Hadlee, took four for 32 in 9.2 overs and was named Man of the Match. Hadlee failed to take a wicket although his nine overs cost only 12 runs.

Add

Sri Lanka's total of 174 in 48.2 overs on a blameless pitch was never likely to be enough and New Zealand reached 178 for four in 48.4 overs to add to their one-run win over Australia two days ago. Australia beat Sri Lanka in the opening match.

New Zealand openers John Wright (41) and Andrew Jones (34) put on 80 before both were out in the space of three overs. Wright's innings included one enormous strike for six off Sri Lanka's best bowler Champaka Ramanayake, the ball disappearing between two stands.

Martin Crowe, who with Dipak Patel took the score to 167, made an elegant 52 from 68 balls before he was brilliantly caught off Graeme Labrooy by Aravinda de Silva slinging himself to his left at mid wicket.

Sri Lanka's innings began disastrously when opener Roshan Mahanama, intending to let the fourth ball from Danny Morrison pass down the leg side, inadvertently raised his left leg, deflecting the ball onto his stumps.

Arjuna Ranatunga, who made 35 from 51 balls with five fours, was the only top-order batsman

to look comfortable and the total was given substance by a sixth-wicket stand of 52 between wicket-keeper Guy de Alwis and all-rounder Ravi Ratnayake.

The were together for only 40 balls before De Alwis fell to off-spinner John Bracewell, caught off a top edge for 32. Ratnayake was caught at mid-wicket for 41 having driven the previous ball from Chatfield for six.

Scoreboard

SRI LANKA	
R. Mahanama b Morrison	0
A. Gurusinghe run out	23
P.A. de Silva b Bracewell	5
A. Ranatunga b Saeedan	0
R. Malalgoda c M. Crowe b Morrison	0
H. Tilkeratne lbw b Saeedan	13
G. de Alwis Patel b Bracewell	3
R. Ratnayake Wright b Chatfield	41
G. Labrooy Patel b Chatfield	33
A. de Silva b Chatfield	6
C. Ramanayake not out	11
Extras (10-3 w-2)	5
Total	174
Wicket falls: 1-2 2-14 3-40 4-76 5-76 6-82 7-134 8-147 9-159	
Bowling: Morrison 10-2-43-2 (1w), Hadlee 9-4-12-0, Chatfield 9-2-1-32, Bracewell 10-6-41-1 (1w), Saeedan 10-1-43-2.	

NEW ZEALAND

J. Wright c Mahanama b Ramanayake	41
A. Jones c and b Ramanayake	34
M. Crowe c P. de Silva b Labrooy	52
D. Patel c De Alwis b Ratnayake	29
T. Blain not out	5
J. Crowe not out	6
Extras (b-1 lb-6 w-1)	11
Total (four wickets — 48.4 overs)	174
Fall of wickets: 1-80 2-82 3-167 4-167.	

Did not bat: R. Hadlee, J. Bracewell, M. Saeedan, D. Morrison, E. Chatfield.

Bowling: Ratnayake 9.4-0-40-1, Labrooy 10-2-28-2 (1w), A. de Silva 10-1-70, Ranatunga 5-0-27-0, P.A. de Silva 4-0-22-0.

Result: New Zealand won by 10 runs.

Scoreboard

ISLAMABAD, Jan. 5. (Kuna): A civil court in Lahore has summoned former Test cricketer Sarfaraz Nawaz to appear before it on February 3 in connection with a suit of defamation filed against him by an Arab businessman from the United Arab Emirates.
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Abdul Rahman Bukhatri, the Sharjah business tycoon who also organises Cricketers Benefit Fund Series every year, has in his suit, said that since Sarfaraz Nawaz had failed to publish an unqualified apology for his wild accusations against him, he should pay damages to him, amounting to one million rupees.

At a press conference in Lahore in late November, Sarfaraz had accused Bukhatri of bribing some Pakistani players especially Javed Miandad, which resulted in the defeat of the Pakistani team in the semifinal of the World Cup tournament held in Lahore. Sarfaraz Nawaz had also demanded the banning of Bukhatri from visiting Pakistan.

Javed Miandad has also decided to file a defamatory suit against Sarfaraz.